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Clinic offers walk-in weed prescriptions

Pot-friendly doctors hard to find. Oasis Clinic believed to be first of its kind in Calgary

Graeme Mascuich has been using marijuana to treat symptoms associated with Asperger syndrome for years.

But it's just recently that the 29-year-old was able to obtain his supply of the drug through legitimate means, thanks to a Calgary clinic believed be the first in the city to offer patient evaluations for the federal medicinal marijuana program.

Oasis Clinic, located in the northeast community of Temple, has seemingly been offering access to the drug since at least late May, according to posts on associated social media accounts.

But the clinic's lead physician, Dr. Eugene Mangerman, has not granted an interview to Metro despite repeated requests made over a period of months.

On Thursday, Metro ventured to the clinic and was told by one staff member that a spokesperson would provide comment later in the day, but no response actually came by press time.

A poster in the waiting room advertises "medical marijuana evaluations."

"Nature's best and safest medicine," the poster reads. "Improving the quality of your life."

Finding pot-friendly doctors in Alberta is nearly impossible, licensed users have told Metro in the past. Many of them trekked to B.C. or met with physicians in that province over Skype to get prescriptions and gain access to the federal program.

According to its Facebook page, Oasis doesn't actually provide patients with marijuana but supplies them with a prescription and list of licensed producers.

After two meetings with Oasis representatives, Mascuich said he was prescribed 90 grams of marijuana per month.

He is expecting his supply from a company called Tilray, which claims to provide "exceptional cannabis products" on its website.

"They were really awesome," Mascuich said of Oasis' physicians. "I was fairly at ease. They were very friendly, very helpful. They really care, they're really trying to do everything right and proper."

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'THE AURA OF POWER'

Alison Redford, seen in this file photo, was the subject of a scathing report from Alberta's auditor general released Thursday that detailed broken expense rules and inappropriate use of taxpayer money, in some cases for personal gain. "How could this happen? The answer is the aura of power around premier Redford and her office and the perception that the influence of the office should not be questioned," the auditor wrote. For the story, see page 4. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Arden angry over AMP's song-cutting strategy

A notable Calgary singer-songwriter lashed out at a city radio station Thursday after word surfaced of their new format, which sees all songs trimmed roughly in half.

90.3 AMP Radio rolled out the new strategy Friday and a representative with owner and operator Newcap Radio told Metro Wednesday it was a reaction to changing times, where many music lovers hardly get through a track on their iPod before flipping to the next one.

Providers of the truncated songs claim they are "skillfully" edited by Vancouver-based SparkNet Communications through a service called Quickhitz.

But famed city musician Jann Arden blasted the new format Thursday and urged music lovers to turn AMP off.

"Does anybody know of an art gallery that I can go to to look at paintings that are half covered up?" she wrote in one of her tamer tweets.

Arden went on to call AMP's operators a host of derogatory terms, many of them too offensive (and possibly libellous) to print. She seemingly has since removed some of the posts.

"Calgary has LOTS of GREAT radio stations that play entire songs … listen to one them. Just not AMP," Arden wrote.

Lengthy instrumentals and repeating choruses are where the bulk of the edits are made by SparkNet, said Steve Jones, Newcap's vice-president of programming.

Most songs on AMP now run between 1:45 to 2:30 in length. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

City rallies for man hurt by falling tree

Pascal Lepine.
Co-workers in the city organizing trust fund for hospitalized father

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Kelly Lepine and Pascal Lepine are trying to stay positive in the wake of a "life-changing" freak accident that saw a massive tree fall on him and break his back. FACEBOOK

She was just metres away, but Kelly Lepine didn't hear the tree that fell on her husband and broke his spine.

No one, she said, heard the tree coming, including 42-year-old Pascal Lepine himself.

"There was no warning, no signs — you couldn't hear nothing," Kelly said, recalling the July 24 afternoon when the 10-metre poplar uprooted in heavy winds at a campsite near Pincher Creek, pinning Pascal to the ground.

Kelly and several of the couple's friends were inside a nearby camping trailer when the tree fell. Pascal was outside barbecuing with one other female friend, who was also struck by the tumbling branches but not seriously hurt.

"You talk of those moments where people get superhuman strength," Kelly said. "Well, my girlfriend picked the tree off of him and moved it."

A short while after, the rest of the group realized what had happened. They stabilized Pascal's spine and called an ambulance. A trip to hospital in Pincher Creek ensued, then to Calgary, where doctors said he may never walk again.

After a successful surgery, however, Pascal has regained some movement in his lower body, but his future mobility remains uncertain. He's also facing seven more months in hospital, Kelly said.

Friends and co-workers have rallied to support the family, who live in Pincher Creek with three children, with a trust fund at ATB and a Facebook page for well-wishes.

Pascal is a lead pressman at CentralWeb in Calgary, the company that prints Metro newspapers locally. Plant manager Trevor Shirley described him as "devoted father" and a "standup guy."

Kelly said the family is doing as well as they can, under the circumstances.

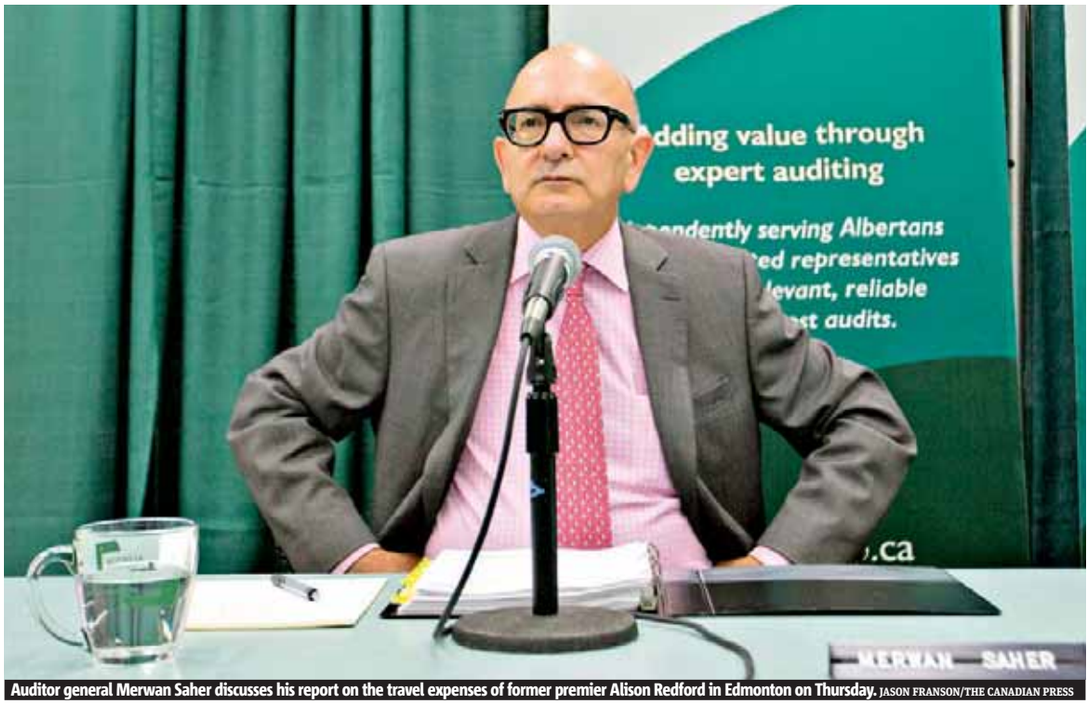
"It's one of those freaky accidents," she said. "It's totally life-changing, but you deal with the cards you're handed, right?"

Support

More information about Pascal's injury and the effort to support him and his family can be found at facebook.com/Lepine.Help

Auditor denounces Redford's expenses and 'aura of power'

Report. Perception that premier's office must not be questioned led others to submit: Saher



Auditor general Merwan Saher discusses his report on the travel expenses of former premier Alison Redford in Edmonton on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta's auditor general says former premier Alison Redford and her staff used the power of the province's top political office to break expense rules and inappropriately use taxpayer money — in some cases for personal gain.

In a biting report that the Alberta government has forwarded to the RCMP, Merwan Saher found that Redford's office consistently failed to demonstrate that travel expenses were necessary and an appropriate use of public funds.

He took particular issue with the way Redford used the province's fleet of planes to ferry her, and in many cases her daughter, to events that included Progressive Conservative party fundraisers and personal trips.

"Overall, the expense practices and use of public assets by Premier Redford and her office have fallen short of publicly stated goals," Saher wrote in his review of Redford's travel expenses released Thursday.

"How could this happen? The answer is the aura of power around Premier Redford and her office, and the perception that the influence of the office should not be questioned."

He laid the blame squarely on Redford and her staff. He said other government departments were "wary of challenging decisions" or felt "trapped" and often worked around or ignored rules so the premier wouldn't be personally linked to those decisions.

"After all, the premier is the premier," Saher said.

Redford resigned from the top job in March as a caucus revolt brewed over her leadership style and lavish spending. On Wednesday, she resigned her seat as a Calgary backbencher.

Saher outlined the various misdeeds in his report, including a practice of "block booking" government aircraft to give the appearance that planes were full "so that other passengers could not ride on the same flight" with the premier and her staff. People decrying the scheme took to Twitter using the hashtag "FakesOnAPlane."

Saher said Redford and her former chief of staff denied any knowledge of the practice but said it's clear the idea came from her office.

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From the review

Quick facts

Total bill: Saher found that from October 2012 to March 2014, Redford and her staff spent $659,690 on travel, meals and hospitality. Redford took 247 flights on government aircraft during that time.

Trade mission to India and Switzerland: The published cost of the trip for Redford, her staff and other members of the legislature was $131,374. Saher found that, when costs for advance planning, security and other government employees were considered, the total cost was about $450,000.

Receipts: The auditor found good compliance on submitting receipts, but reasons for expenses were sometimes vague, such as "meeting."

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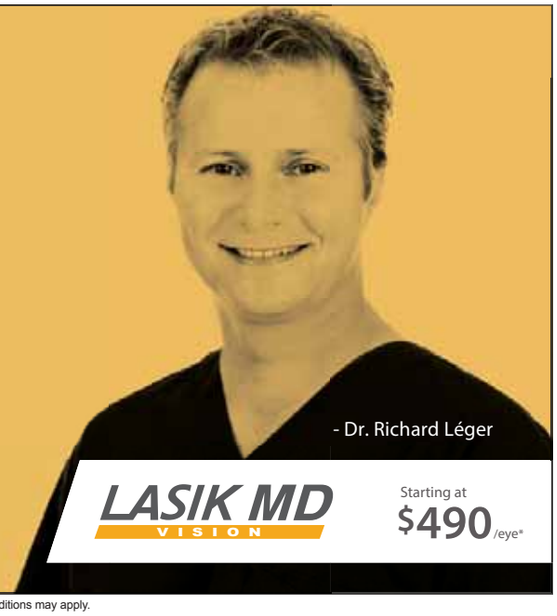

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CBE execs discussed election with Navigator, sources say

'Musings' with third party firm. Failed election candidates call for more details about Navigator's work

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Senior executives with the Calgary Board of Education — and at least one sitting trustee — discussed the 2013 municipal election with representatives from a third-party communications firm on multiple occasions prior to the October vote, Metro has learned.

But the public school organization's general counsel, Greg Francis, informed the seven-member trustee board in a private meeting June 10 that such talks with Navigator Ltd. were merely "musings" and no wrongdoing occurred.

The details of the meeting were relayed to Metro from two sources with knowledge of a report prepared by Francis. The sources were interviewed separately but requested their names be withheld amid fears of repercussion.

Pat Cochrane, then chair of the trustee board, was present for some of the Navigator election talks despite still being a potential candidate for re-election at the time, the sources said.

The meetings occurred in late 2012 and early 2013.

Cochrane could not be reached for comment this week despite calls placed over two days. Current trustee chair Joy Bowen-Eyre and vice-chair Judy Hehr have also not responded to requests for comment over the past week.

Larry Leach, chair of the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools (ARTICS) and an unsuccessful candidate in the 2013 election, said it's time for Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson to exercise his authority and launch a full investigation of the CBE's relationship with Navigator.

He said ARTICS would be writing a letter to the minister requesting the probe.

"There's a track record of research that indicates the public of Calgary doesn't exactly trust what's coming out of the Calgary Board of Education," Leach said. "I think sober second thought and an independent body coming in and assuring the public there was no wrongdoing is definitely on the agenda."

The CBE has slowly released some details about its relationship with Navigator, a self-proclaimed "high-stakes communications firm," after repeated inquiries from Metro, criticism from former trustee board chair Sheila Taylor and a host of freedom of information requests.

Former CBE trustee Pat Cochrane, seen here, sat in on some meetings with third-party communications firm Navigator Ltd., according to sources. METRO FILE

It's been learned the board paid nearly $250,000 to the firm despite maintaining its own in-house communications staff of more than 20 people and that Navigator was consulted on matters such as changes to report cards and a stolen employee laptop.

The CBE has maintained that the bulk of its dealings with Navigator fall under "solicitor-client privilege" and, as such, are not to be shared publicly.

Johnson, meanwhile, did already offer some of his own staff to investigate the CBE's Navigator contract after Taylor went public with her concerns, but trustees instead instructed Francis to conduct an internal investigation.

"The Minister's Office was made aware of the CBE's concerns surrounding the communications work done by a third party during the last municipal election campaign," Johnson's press secretary Dan Powers previously told Metro in a statement. "The minister extended an offer to the help the CBE determine whether the contract and the resultant work was appropriate. The offer was declined."

Critics have noted that Francis is employed in the CBE's legal department, the same department whose budget was used to pay Navigator its monthly retainer of $10,000.

After receiving the briefing from Francis June 10, the board of trustees issued a statement to Metro claiming members were "satisfied that no further action is required."

But criticism persists among those who put their names forward as trustee candidates last year.

"Myself, being a candidate in this election, I'm very concerned about what occurred," said Rick Lundy, who lost to incumbent trustee Lynn Ferguson.

He questioned why the CBE wouldn't just come clean with the details of its Navigator relationship if there's indeed nothing to hide, echoing concerns from a third failed candidate, Christina Steed, who spoke with Metro about Navigator last week.

"They haven't been straightforward with this information," Lundy said. "It feels like they've been forced to release what little they have."

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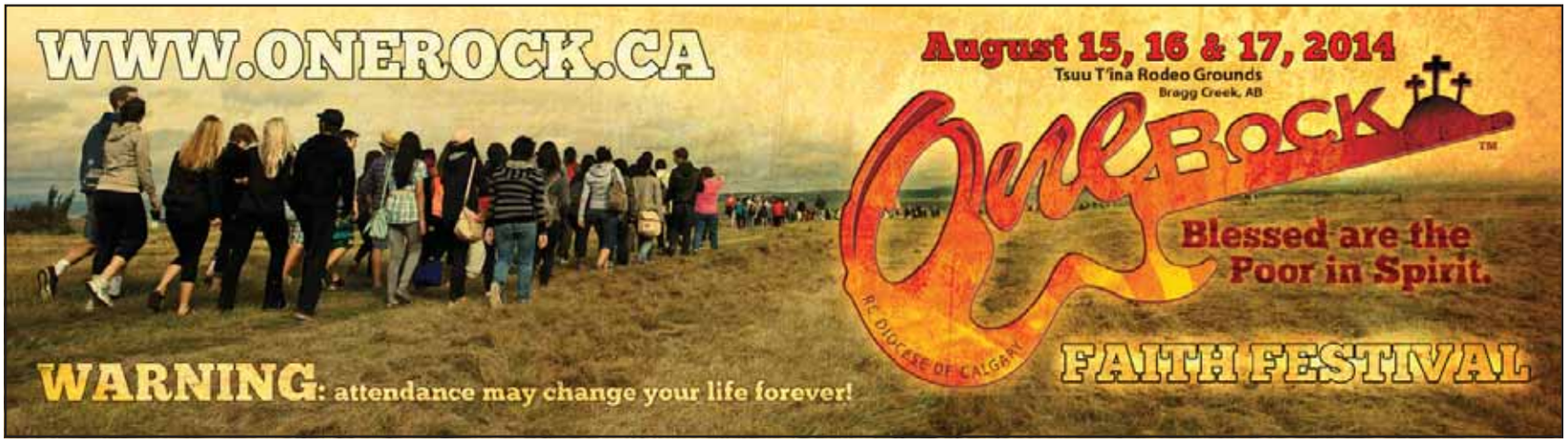
Christina Steed, candidate who lost in 2013 election



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The Microsoft retail store will also make software donations to local community organizations during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The store will offer a wide assortment of Microsoft products, as well as tech training. Also, it will allow community associations to host events in its theatre space.

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Snow removed last winter still piled up

Calgary saw so much snow last winter that piles of the white stuff, removed from city streets months ago, still haven't melted.

"We had an extraordinary winter and removed an unprecedented amount of snow," Jessica Bell, a communications adviser with the city's roads department, told Metro Thursday. "There are still piles at the sites but a big part of it is the debris our crews pick up with the snow."

Crews have been spreading the snow around so it will melt faster, and they expect it will all return to liquid form by the end of August.

"If we didn't do that it likely wouldn't have melted before the fall, or potentially before we got snow this year," Bell said.

Calgary typically only plows snow, but this year crews took the unusual step of removing it from streets and piling it at storage sites.

In Winnipeg, where snow removal is standard practice, one pile still stood 18 metres high on Thursday.

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This photo of a snow pile from winter street clearing in Calgary was taken in late July. CONTRIBUTED

'STOP THE BROKEN RIDE, I WANT TO GET BACK ON'

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Who is Donna Kennedy-Glans?

No, seriously, who is she? Well, I do know a little bit about her: She's the first-term Calgary-Varsity MLA who's been seemingly forcing herself into the headlines by attempting to play political games with both the media and Albertans.

Back in March, she resigned as associate minister for electricity and renewable energy and left the Progressive Conservatives to sit as an Independent. Then, just this past week, she officially announced that she was asking for re-admission into the party.

"Knowing that my colleagues in the PC caucus already share the desire of Albertans for good government, I look forward to again having the opportunity to work with them to make this province a better place for everyone," she said in a written statement.

So, is she saying that all the reasons she left four months ago are now non-existent? No, seriously, is that what she's saying?

Now, I've watched enough Aaron Sorkin shows to know something's up. Rumours of Alison Redford stepping down had been swirling around for a while and if I knew that, chances are Kennedy-Glans knew that too. Kennedy-Glans probably also knew that, if she announced her attempts to rejoin the PCs shortly before Redford announced that she was leaving politics altogether, people won't take much notice.

Skepticism reigns

Are we supposed to believe that the residents of Calgary-Varsity, assuming they knew who (MLA Donna Kennedy-Glans) was, opened their doors and begged her to rejoin the party she just left? I don't know, I just don't buy it.

The problem with that plan is that I wrote a column about Redford last week, and my editor hates it when I write about the same thing twice.

So, much to her chagrin (I imagine), I'd like to talk about Donna Kennedy-Glans a little bit more.

If I'm being honest, it's hard to try to figure out the motivations of an MLA who's only been in the game for just over two years, but Kennedy-Glans seems to think her electorate wants her to keep flip-flopping. In her press release, she says it was the people of Calgary-Varsity who opened their doors to tell her to try and cross the floor — again.

Well, ignoring the fact that she was door knocking in the middle of summer, when most people aren't home, she's asking us to ignore the huge wave of dissatisfaction Calgarians are feeling about the PC party right now. Are we supposed to believe that the residents of Calgary-Varsity, assuming they knew who she was, opened their doors and begged her to rejoin the party she just left? I don't know, I just don't buy it.

Much like Redford, I look at Kennedy-Glans' actions as scrambling. She's scrambling to fix something that is clearly falling apart. The problem here, of course, is that she admitted the PC ride was broken just months ago.

Why she's getting back on before it's fixed is anyone's guess.

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Edmonton and Calgary police targeting noise-level violations on the roads

Vroom. Edmonton cops continue to give out tickets while Calgary officers test out new sound-level device

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The 3M Sound Examiner SE 402 device being tested by Calgary police. METRO FILE

Edmonton police have slapped more than 400 noise-related fines on motorcyclists in recent years and the bulk of the two-wheeled enthusiasts in Alberta's capital have "gotten the message" as a result, says a top officer.

The Type 2 sound-level device first rolled out by officers up north in 2010 is said to be similar in nature to the 3M Sound Examiner SE 402 currently being tested by Calgary police.

In Edmonton, the number of tickets issued under their motorcycle noise bylaw has varied from year-to-year but hit an all-time high of 125 recorded infractions in 2013.

"In my opinion, for the most part, the general motorcycling community has gotten the message, but you're still going to get those guys that ... love their motorcycles the way they are and will not change it just to satisfy (the noise) bylaw," said acting Staff Sgt. Gener Alvarado.

During a rollout for reporters last week, Calgary police said their hope with the 3M Sound Examiner is to respond to common complaint areas and crack down on motorists who've made inappropriate modifications to their rides.

But questions persist on whether the $115 fine due to be issued for such a violation will hold up in court.

Charlie Pester, a city traffic-ticket defence agent with more than a quarter-century experience, said he takes real issue with the variable decibel limits police will enforce.

Officers have said they must demonstrate that a vehicle is excessively loud and consider the general noise of a specific area — given this, it's conceivable that vehicles could be louder on Deerfoot Trail than on a suburban street.

But Pester said that concept doesn't fly with him.

"You're getting into some really tricky territory with that.... Either that vehicle is approved to drive everywhere or it's not," he said.

Noisy vehicle tickets

Tickets issued for noisy vehicles in Edmonton:

- **2010:** 116 tickets issued
  2011: 83 tickets issued
  2012: 47 tickets issued
  2013: 125 tickets issued
  2014 (to the end of July): 68 tickets issued

Calgary vs. Edmonton

Differences between Edmonton and Calgary noise crackdown:

- In Edmonton, enforcement on noisy vehicles has focused specifically on motorcycles. Police in Calgary have indicated their new device could be used to target various types of rides.
- Edmonton's fines for noisy vehicles are stiffer than the $115 charge being proposed for Calgary.
- A first offence in Alberta's capital will cost you $250 and that doubles the second time around.
- Violators caught a third time are required to make a mandatory court appearance.

Rodeo raises funds for missing children society

Emergency responders are saddling up for a good cause — the annual Calgary Police Rodeo.

"We have police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel riding the craziest rough stock you've ever seen," said Det. Mike Cavilla, president of the Calgary Police Rodeo Association.

The charitable event, set for Aug. 16 at the Airdrie Rodeo Grounds, has been running since 1984.

For the last 10 years, the proceeds have been donated directly to the Missing Children Society of Canada.

Those proceeds have helped fund the development of a new, one-of-a-kind app.

"Code Search is a rapid response network, comprised of corporations and their employees," said Amanda Pick, executive director of Missing Children Society of Canada. "It allows corporations and employees to connect with Missing Children Society of Canada and Calgary Police Service through an app, which allows us to push important information directly into the hands of the people who could make a difference."

Calgary-based Strut Creative built the technology to support the program, according to police.

According to Insp. Cliff O'Brien, the app has incredible reach.

"During a recent missing person investigation, with the help of MCSC and the Code Search program, we were able to reach an audience of 3.4 million Canadians when we were looking for a missing child," he said.

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Ward Stene, director of marketing and media relations for the Calgary Police Rodeo Association. JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO

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Students to study rap lyrics at U of C

Linguistics. Course focuses on the evolution of language

Students had better not act like they forgot about Dre in a new University of Calgary linguistics course focusing on rap lyrics.

The class, taught by linguistics professor Darin Flynn, will focus on the evolution of language, the manipulations of sound, words, grammar and meaning in the world of hip-hop lyricism.

"My focus in this rap course isn't as a rap expert, but as a linguist," he said. "I've been at the U of C for 13 years, and I've been teaching the same courses over and over again, so this is something different."

Rap music uses language in different and bold ways, he said.

"You find it in oral traditions, like Old English text Beowulf, which was recited to a drum beat. That oral tradition goes back thousands of years."

The focus in rap isn't on harmony or melody, as rappers rely on the natural rhythm of language, Flynn said, and English is very rhythmic.

"They also rhyme in interesting ways and conveying interesting meanings," he said. "Rappers are able to do this ad lib; they call it freestyle."

The meaning of words is also shifted in rap lyrics, Flynn explained. What may have one meaning or association in everyday vernacular could have two, three or four meanings in a song.

"The talented ones are able to come up with more clever, less obvious rhymes and lay out those phrases over beats that aren't systematic," he said. "It ends up being an interesting, fun use of language that language scientists should be paying attention to."

At a glance

The course will be taught in a secluded location, Flynn said, specifically chosen so the class wouldn't bother other students by playing loud, often profane rap music.

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Investigation. Alleged Costco vacuum thief bagged by Airdrie RCMP

Airdrie RCMP have released this photo in an appeal for public tips after a man allegedly walked into a Costco, picked up a $600 vacuum, and tricked staff into letting him walk right out. The man has been arrested. HANDOUT

Airdrie RCMP believe they have cleaned up the crime of a man who was accused of stealing a vacuum from Costco.

At 5 p.m. on July 30, a male suspect entered the Costco Wholesale Store in Balzac. Police allege he grabbed a $600 upright vacuum and brought it to the returns counter, claiming he received it as a gift, and wished to return it.

When the suspect was asked for his membership card, he claimed it was in his car, and left with the vacuum. The male did not return, according to police.

Staff then called RCMP, and provided high-quality video and witness statements.

Investigators received several calls from members of the public regarding the identity of the man, who was arrested.

Charges are pending.

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In glove compartment

Inert grenade found inside Airdrie car

Explosive-disposal experts were called for assistance this week after what looked like a grenade showed up in the glove compartment of a vehicle that arrived at an Airdrie auction house.

Airdrie RCMP say the device turned out to be an inert grenade, something they determined with the assistance of the RCMP Explosive Disposal Unit out of Edmonton.

Police took the device to the Airdrie RCMP detachment for proper disposal.

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Thanks to Boston Pizza

Calgary Zoo gets $27,000 boost

The Calgary Zoo received a $27,000 donation from Boston Pizza Thursday to help with ongoing flood recovery and the zoo's Land of Lemurs exhibit.

The money was raised at various Boston Pizza restaurants as part of a fundraiser to help the zoo in the wake of last June's devastating high-water event.

The Land of Lemurs exhibit is set to open in 2016. "This Land of Lemurs exhibit is going to be quite spectacular," said Tanya Kaynes, sponsorship coordinator with the Calgary Zoo.

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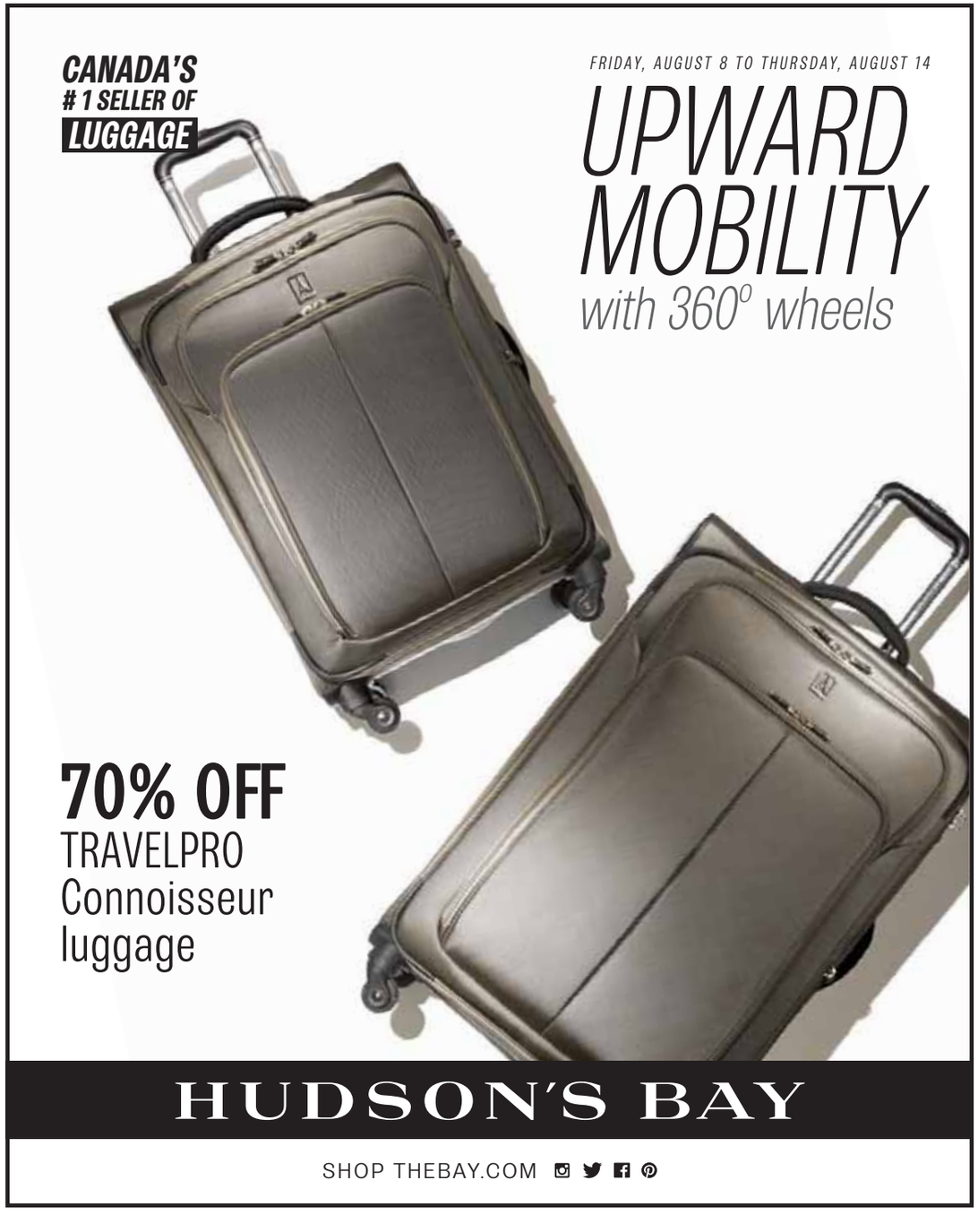

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Ranch's 'rejuvenation' spurred by community

Rafter Six. Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign raises $11,000, allowing Cowley family to move on to new location

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Stan Cowley and his wife, Gloria, travel down the Stampede Parade route celebrating the reopening of their new Rafter Six Ranch. CONTRIBUTED

Just like a fallen cowboy, Stan Cowley found himself having to dust himself off and get back in the saddle.

The Cowley family had run the Rafter Six Ranch, about 75 kilometres west of Calgary, for 38 years. But in January, due to financial difficulties, he had to close the facility.

"It's hard on anybody, doesn't matter who it is, to see your dream go down the tube," he said.

The ranch offered a variety of experiences to customers, the most famous being horseback adventures, included riding lessons, and trail rides.

People could enjoy a good Western-style meal, hold conventions — and many couples even got married at the on-site chapel.

With recent support from the local community, though, Rafter Six was able to get back on its feet. With $11,000 raised from an Indiegogo campaign, the Cowley family was able to feed their horses over the winter and move the ranch to a new location, which opened on Mother's Day.

The new ranch is on the land directly adjacent to the old one, so longtime fans can easily find their favourite riding spots.

"The trails out here for horseback riding are unbelievable," said Kateri Cowley, Stan's daughter and one of the ranch's barn managers. "They can be challenging or they can be for very beginners. It's really good to be back here."

Stan called the reopening of Rafter Six a "rejuvenation."

"We're doing what we love," he said, "which is working with horses and with people."

The new ranch will also offer visitors a taste of both Western and First Nations life, after Cowley was made a blood brother with Walking Buffalo, an elder and medicine man of the local Stoney Nation.

Although the new location doesn't have the ranch house or dining facilities of the original site, Kateri said visitors are able to camp out under the stars, in what she described as a more intimate and interactive experience.

"Here, you can pick wherever you'd like to camp on the property, so it's a little bit more appealing, and it's not so crowded," she said.

Stan celebrated the ranch's renewal at this year's Calgary Stampede Parade, riding his trusted brown steed Cruise while his wife, Gloria, held the reins on their historic 1800s Concord Stagecoach and musicians stood on the coach, entertaining people along the route.

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Tribunal convicts two leaders of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge

Reign of terror. By 1979, which saw the end of the fanatical Khmer Rouge movement, nearly a quarter of the country's population was dead

They were leaders of Cambodia's infamous Khmer Rouge, the fanatical communist movement behind a 1970s reign of terror that transformed this entire Southeast Asian nation into a ruthless slave state — a place where cities were emptied of their inhabitants, religion and schools were banned, and anyone deemed a threat was executed.

When the nightmare ended in 1979, close to two million people were dead — a quarter of Cambodia's population at the time.

On Thursday, a UN-backed tribunal convicted two of the once all-powerful men of crimes against humanity in the first and possibly the last verdicts to be issued against the group's aging, top members.

Although survivors welcomed the decision to impose life sentences against Khieu Samphan, an 83-year-old former head of state, and Nuon Chea, the movement's 88-year-old chief ideologue, they also say justice has come far too late and is simply not adequate.

"Nothing can compare to the immense suffering they imposed, no sentence can be enough," said Youk Chhang, who heads the Documentation Center of Cambodia, which has collected more than a million documents related to the Khmer Rouge terror.

There was no visible reaction from either of the accused when the decisions were announced. Defence lawyers insisted the case was not over and vowed to appeal within 30 days.

Summarizing the verdict, chief judge Nil Nonn said the defendants were part of "a joint criminal enterprise" that launched "a widespread and systematic attack against the civilian population" after Khmer Rouge guerrillas seized Phnom Penh on April 17, 1975.

The case, which lasted about two years, focused on just one of many mass killing sites and the forced exodus of millions of people from Cambodia's cities and towns, where even hospitals were emptied of patients.

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Former Khmer Rouge servitors Soum Rithy, left, and Chum Mey embrace each other on Thursday after the verdicts were announced, at the UN-backed war crimes tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. HENG SINITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZMapp. 'Virtually no doses' of experimental drug available for Africans

Africans seeking a drug to help contain the Ebola virus will have to wait months before an experimental treatment used on two infected Americans is produced even in small amounts, officials said.

And there are no guarantees that the medication known as ZMapp would help curb the spread of the dreaded disease, which starts with a fever and body aches and sometimes progresses to serious bleeding. Supplies of the drug are limited. It has never been tested for safety or effectiveness in humans.

The health minister of Nigeria, one of the four countries where Ebola has broken out, told a news conference in his country that he had asked the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about access to the drug. A CDC spokesman said Wednesday "there are virtually no doses available."

The lack of wider availability "shows simply that white patients and black patients do not have the same value in the eyes of world medicine," said Nouridine Sow, a sociology professor at the Universal Institute of Guinea.

But testing an unproven drug on a large population carries risks. Earlier this week, the CDC director emphasized that it's impossible to know whether ZMapp helped the sick American aid workers.

"Until we do a study, we don't know if it helps, if it hurts or if it doesn't make any difference," Tom Frieden told a health symposium in Kentucky.

Some health experts fear that debate over extremely limited supplies of the drug will distract from more tried-and-true practices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ebola virus

The outbreak first emerged in Guinea and spread to neighbouring Sierra Leone and Liberia before reaching Nigeria. Almost 1,000 people have died since March.

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Pistorius lied repeatedly: Prosecutor

Flaws in defence?

Olympian's legal team floated more than one theory about what happened, chief prosecutor says

The chief prosecutor in Oscar Pistorius' murder trial said Thursday in closing arguments that the athlete repeatedly lied during testimony in a crude attempt to defend himself against a murder charge for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

Prosecutor Gerrie Nel said defence lawyers had argued Pistorius fired in self-defence, fearing an intruder, but they also raised the possibility he was not criminally responsible and accidentally shot because he was "startled."

"It's two defences that you can never reconcile," Nel said as Pistorius sat behind him in the dock, occasionally flicking through documents. The once-celebrated double-amputee athlete appeared calm, in contrast to some past occasions during which he retched and wailed in apparent distress.

The prosecution has argued that Pistorius intentionally shot Steenkamp before dawn on Feb. 14, 2013, after a quarrel, and argued he knew she was in the bathroom.

Nel ended his closing argument by saying Pistorius was guilty of premeditated murder because he then "made up his mind" to find his gun, walk through to the bathroom and shoot.

Nel said Pistorius should be convicted of murder even if the court accepts he did not know it was Steenkamp in the toilet cubicle, arguing the athlete intentionally shot at and killed a person with no reason to believe his life was under threat.

Barry Roux, the chief defence lawyer, began his final arguments before Judge Thokozile Masipa postponed proceedings until Friday for the defence to finish. Masipa will then adjourn the trial to deliberate with two legal assistants on a verdict, with Pistorius facing 25 years to life in prison if convicted on the main charge of premeditated murder.

Roux noted that some of the evidence at the scene, which Nel referred to, had been moved around by investigators.

"We're not talking about a conspiracy," Roux said, calling it unintentional tampering. Roux also noted that Hilton Botha, the former chief investigating officer in the case, had acknowledged mistakes in police procedure but was not called by the state as a trial witness.

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Prosecutor Gerrie Nel delivers his closing arguments at the Oscar Pistorius murder trial in South Africa on Thursday. Nel said the double-amputee athlete's lawyers have floated more than one theory in a dishonest attempt to defend against a murder charge for his killing of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. MUJAHID SAFODIEN, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First time since trial began

Dads hear closing arguments

The fathers of Olympic runner Oscar Pistorius and Reeva Steenkamp, a model and television personality, were in the Pretoria courtroom for the first time since the trial began in early March. They sat at opposite ends of a long bench in the gallery. Pistorius is said to be estranged from his father, Henke, and Steenkamp's father, Barry, has been ill.

Pistorius' older brother Carl, who has regularly attended court sessions, was in an intensive care unit in a South African hospital and was on a ventilator because of injuries suffered in a serious car crash last week, the Pistorius family said in a statement.

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Jury convicts U.S. man in teen's death

A jury convicted a U.S. man of second-degree murder and manslaughter on Thursday after he shot a drunk, unarmed black woman in the face on his porch last year after she pounded on his door. It rejected his claim that he was afraid for his life and had acted in self-defence.

Theodore Wafer shot Renisha McBride through a screen door on Nov. 2, hours after she crashed into a parked car near his house. No one knows why she ended up at the home, although prosecutors speculated that the 19-year-old may have been seeking help.

"She just wanted to go home," prosecutor Patrick Muscat said during closing arguments, holding the shotgun Wafer used to kill McBride. "She ended up in the morgue with bullets in her head and in her brain because the defendant picked up this shotgun, released this safety, raised it at her, pulled the trigger and blew her face off."

Wafer, 55, who had been free on bond, was also convicted on a gun-related charge and was ordered to jail to await his sentence. He could face up to life in prison with the possibility of parole, but it is likely his sentence will be much shorter.

Beginning with Florida in 2005, at least 22 states have expanded the self-defence principle known as the "castle doctrine," the premise that a person has the right to defend his or her home against attack.

The laws make it easier for a person to shoot someone and avoid prosecution by saying they felt an imminent danger.

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Pattaramon Chanbua with baby Gammy. Gammy, who has Down syndrome, was allegedly abandoned with Chanbua, his surrogate mother, in Thailand by his Australian parents. APICHART WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surrogacy targeted in drafted Thai legislation

Thailand. Government moves to ban surrogate pregnancies after child with Down syndrome was allegedly abandoned

Thailand pushed to ban commercial surrogacy Thursday as a case involving nine surrogate babies allegedly with the same Japanese father emerged only days after a furor over the alleged abandonment of a surrogate-born baby with Down syndrome.

The discovery of the nine babies being cared for by nannies in a Bangkok condominium followed accusations by a Thai surrogate that an Australian couple had left the boy with Down syndrome to be raised by her, while taking home his healthy twin sister. The scandal has focused global attention on the largely unregulated industry in Thailand, which authorities say became a go-to destination for commercial surrogacy after well-off countries tightened their own laws.

Officials said Thursday that the draft of a law banning surrogacy was submitted to the junta's head of legal and justice affairs and will be forwarded to the interim legislature for consideration next week.

"Now is good timing, as the steps (toward passing the law) have been completed," said Rarinthip Sirorat, of the Social Development and Human Security Ministry, "The purpose of this law is to give maximum benefits to the surrogate babies."

According to the draft, the new law would prohibit commercial surrogacy and those violating the law will face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to $6,200 US. Agencies, advertisers or recruiters of surrogate mothers will face up to five years in jail and a fine of up to $3,100 US.

Thailand has 42 clinics and medical institutes and 240 doctors licensed to use assisted reproductive technology to artificially achieve pregnancy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama authorizes airstrikes against militants in Iraq

Humanitarian aid dropped. The Yazidi people, members of an ancient religion in Iraq, are trapped by al-Qaida splinter group ISIL

Civilians inspect damage the morning after a string of car bombs tore through busy shopping streets in several neighbourhoods in Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday. HADI MIZBAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The prospect of a humanitarian catastrophe could soon pull the United States one step deeper into Iraq, several years after its troops exited a long and painful war there.

President Barack Obama announced Thursday night he had authorized the U.S. military to launch targeted airstrikes if needed, to protect Americans from Islamic militants in northern Iraq.

He also said the U.S. military had carried out airdrops of humanitarian aid to Iraqi religious minorities trapped by the al-Qaida splinter group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

The food and water supplies were delivered to the tens of thousands of Yazidis trapped on a mountain. The Yazidis, who follow an ancient religion with ties to Zoroastrianism, fled their homes after ISIL group issued an ultimatum to convert to Islam, pay a religious fine, flee their homes or face death.

The Canadian government also condemned ISIL's behaviour. On Thursday, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said "despicable acts of violence" had displaced more than 200,000 people in the past week.

Obama, who has staked much of his legacy as president on ending the Iraq war, acknowledged that the prospect of a new round of U.S. military action would be a cause for concern among many Americans. He vowed anew not to put American combat troops back on the ground in Iraq and said there was no U.S. military solution to the crisis.

"As commander in chief, I will not allow the United States to be drawn into fighting another war in Iraq," Obama said.

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Gaza conflict. Hamas threatens to resume rocket attacks if Gaza blockade not lifted

A Palestinian boy holds a toy gun at a Hamas rally in Gaza City, Gaza Strip, Thursday. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With a deadline looming hours away, Hamas on Thursday rejected Israeli demands it disarm and threatened to resume its rocket attacks if its demands for lifting a crippling blockade on Gaza were not met.

The hardline stance, voiced by a senior Hamas official at the group's first rally since a ceasefire in the Gaza war took effect on Tuesday, signalled that indirect negotiations in Cairo over a permanent truce in Gaza were not making headway.

A text message from Hamas' military wing, the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades, warned there would be no extension of the ceasefire if there was no permanent agreement to lift the blockade enforced by Israel and Egypt since the militant group overran Gaza in 2007.

Abu Obeida, the al-Qassam spokesman, appeared on the group's Al-Aqsa TV station and said Hamas was "ready to go to war again." Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed a tough reaction if Hamas renews hostilities.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon weighed in again on the Hamas-Israel conflict, demanding an end to what he called the senseless cycle of suffering, telling the General Assembly that "the massive deaths and destruction in Gaza have shocked and shamed the world." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mass cult suicide-murder

Remains of Jonestown victims found

The cremated remains of nine victims of a 1978 mass cult suicide-murder in Jonestown, Guyana, have turned up in a former funeral home in Delaware, officials said Thursday.

On Nov. 18, 1978, gunmen from the Peoples Temple cult ambushed and killed U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan of California, three newsmen and a defector from the group. Cult leader Jim Jones orchestrated a ritual of mass murder and suicide at a nearby agricultural commune, ordering followers to drink cyanide-laced punch.

Most complied, although survivors described some people being shot, injected with poison, or forced to drink the deadly beverage when they tried to resist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vermont

Toddler finds gun in her diaper bag

Police say a toddler found a loaded handgun in her diaper bag at a daycare centre in northern Vermont.

Police say the grandmother of the 17-month-old girl was dropping the toddler off at a daycare Thursday when she forgot the gun was in the bag. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Missing pilot

Fishing boat crew finds wreckage of small plane

The crew aboard a New Zealand fishing boat on Thursday hauled up a gruesome catch: a small plane with a body inside. Authorities suspect the plane is an aerobatic biplane flown by missing Auckland pilot Daroish Kraidy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NATO pledges support for Kyiv in face of Russian belligerence

Battle for Donetsk.
Shells hit residential buildings, hospital in rebel stronghold, killing four people

NATO's chief defied mounting Russian belligerence Thursday with a pledge to provide assistance to Ukraine, which is battling to quash an insurgency waged by pro-Russia rebels in the country's east.

The show of support from Anders Fogh Rasmussen comes as government troops increasingly focus their push to claw back rebel-held territory on the stronghold of Donetsk. Ukraine appears to be ratcheting up the urgency of its onslaught against the backdrop of an alleged escalation of Russian troop presence on the border.

That deployment has led many to speculate Russia may pursue an incursion under the guise of restoring stability to eastern Ukraine.

"I call on Russia to step back from the brink. Step back from the border. Do not use peacekeeping as an excuse for war-making," Rasmussen said during a visit to the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv.

While stopping short of committing to direct assistance in Ukraine's ongoing conflict, Rasmussen said that NATO would intensify its cooperation with Ukraine on defence planning and reform.

In a sign of sagging morale among rebel forces, separatist authorities issued a desperate plea for assistance Thursday, complaining in a statement that a "critical situation has developed with the militia's food, uniform and ammunition supplies."

Mortar fire struck the Vishnevskiy Hospital on Thursday morning, killing one and wounding five others.

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Clashes in Kyiv

Hours before Rasmussen's arrival, clashes erupted in central Kyiv as authorities sought to clear away the remnants of a tent colony erected by demonstrators in the street uprising against pro-Russia president Viktor Yanukovych.

- In scenes reminiscent of that revolt, demonstrators set alight tires in their faceoff against a volunteer battalion overseeing the cleanup.

An activist burns tires during a clash with a special forces police battalion in Independence Square in Kyiv, Ukraine, Thursday, as demonstrators confronted workers attempting to clear the area. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada sending helmets, vests, tents to Ukraine

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson.
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Canada is sending non-lethal military equipment to Ukraine to help the country protect its eastern border against Russian aggression, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson said Thursday.

Nicholson made the announcement at a military base in Trenton, Ont., where a CC-130J Hercules plane loaded with "non-kinetic military equipment" was set to take off for the first in a series of military transport flights.

"(Russian President Vladimir) Putin's failure to end his support to armed rebel groups constitutes a real threat to international peace and security," Nicholson said. "Canada will not stand by in the face of this threat."

Helmets, ballistic eyewear, protective vests, first-aid kits, tents and sleeping bags are among the supplies being flown to Ukrainian troops. The "logistic equipment" will allow Ukrainian forces to better detect and track the movement of illicit goods and people, Nicholson said.

"Ukraine has asked for this and once again we are delivering," he said. "The Putin regime has not provided any indication they are prepared to respect Ukraine's territorial integrity or use their control over Russian-backed agents to end the violence in Ukraine."

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Quoted

"We will be able to save more lives, both troops and civilians, and even the separatists themselves."

Ukrainian Ambassador Vadym Prystaiko, saying his country was "very grateful" to Canada.

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Northwestern B.C. Gitxsan Nation orders foresters, fishermen, CN Rail off lands

It's business as usual in a large swath of land in northwestern British Columbia, despite escalating tensions spurred by an eviction order from the Gitxsan First Nation.

The First Nation issued notice last month to sport fishermen, forest companies and Canadian National Railway that they would have to stop all activities in the 33,000 square kilometres of its territories near Terrace, B.C. by Aug. 4.

The First Nation has been in a protracted treaty dispute with the federal and provincial governments. In 2012, lands awarded to the Gitxsan in an earlier court ruling became part of a treaty agreement-in-principle with the neighbouring Kitsumkalum and Kitselas.

Quoted

"This stuff could have been averted."

Gitxsan negotiator Gwaans, also know as Beverley Clifton Percival

The Gitxsan deadline was also issued to the governments, telling them that they must remove Gitxsan lands from the treaty offers to the band's neighbours.

Gitxsan negotiator Gwaans, also know as Beverley Clifton Percival, said Wednesday that progress was being made with the governments earlier this week, but that later disintegrated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newfoundland. Girl, 15, hailed as hero after saving two men from lake

The owner of a campground near Clarenville, N.L., says a 15-year-old girl who saved two men from drowning should be recognized as a hero.

Neil Dawe, owner of the Lakeside at Thorburn resort, said Chelsea Little put her own life at risk as she rescued both her stepfather and great-uncle from the water. The rescue happened Monday when Chelsea and her 10-year-old sister Olivia, who was wearing a life-jacket, tried to swim across a cove in Thorburn Lake with their stepfather, Eddie McCann. Dawe said Chelsea towed McCann to shore when he lost his breath midway across the 180-metre distance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Second swimmer saved

- Chelsea then rescued her great-uncle, Greg Pelley, who became exhausted as he swam over to help.

The tailings pond dike breach near the town at the Polley Mountain mine site in B.C. is pictured Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD

Who pays for mine tailings cleanup?

Likely, B.C. Not the taxpayers, according to federal Industry Minister James Moore

Taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook for cleaning up a massive spill from a mine tailings pond in British Columbia, the federal industry minister said Thursday as residents in a remote resource community awaited the results of water quality testing.

A dam holding back the tailings pond at Imperial Metals' Mount Polley Mine in central B.C. burst open on Monday, releasing 10 million cubic metres of water and 4.5 million cubic metres of potentially toxic silt into adjacent lakes, rivers and creeks.

Government officials have acknowledged they still don't know what exactly leaked out, though tests on the water expected Thursday may provide at least some answers about the possible impact of the spill.

Federal environment and fisheries officials have so far deferred comment to the provincial government, which is leading the investigation and response, though Industry Minister James Moore became the first federal cabinet minister to weigh into the disaster, during an unrelated event in Montreal.

"Those who are responsible for this should pay for this," said Moore. "This should not be the responsibility of taxpayers."

The provincial Environment Ministry has ordered Imperial Metals Corp. to immediately take action to prevent additional water and silt from leaking out of the tailings pond, account for what was in the tailings and provide a plan to clean it up. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Match each word to the correct definition.

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Profit	To divide and distribute.
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Visit from Iselle to give Hawaii its first hurricane in 22 years

Stormy weather. Residents, visitors told to prepare but not panic as storm approaches, with Julio looming close behind

Anne Kllingshirn walks with her one-year-old daughter Emm as storm clouds are are seen during the sunrise hours on Kailua Beach in Kailua, Hawaii, Thursday morning. Hurricane Iselle was expected to arrive on the Big Island on Thursday evening, bringing heavy rains, heavy winds and flooding in some areas.
LUCI PEMONI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iselle was supposed to weaken as it slowly trudged west across the Pacific. It didn't, and now Hawaii is poised to take its first direct hurricane hit in 22 years. Tracking close behind it is Hurricane Julio, which strengthened early Thursday into a Category 2 storm.

State officials are assuring the islands are ready for the hurricanes and people should prepare but not panic.

Travellers got their first word of disrupted flights Thursday, when commuter airline Island Air said it was cancelling some afternoon flights between the islands and shutting down all operations Friday.

Hurricane Iselle was expected to arrive on the Big Island on Thursday evening, bringing heavy rains, winds gusting up to 85 km/h and flooding in some areas. Weather officials changed their outlook on the system Wednesday after seeing it get a little stronger, giving it enough oomph to stay a hurricane as it reaches landfall.

Cantin said that means stronger winds of up to 110 km/h, though rainfall estimates of up to 20 centimetres in a short time frame remained unchanged.

"Not a major hurricane, but definitely enough to blow things around," he said.

Cantin said the Big Island's size and terrain would help break up the hurricane, weakening it into a tropical storm as it passes Maui and Oahu late Thursday and early Friday.

"The volcanoes on the Big Island will do a number on the system," he said.

Iselle loomed about 645 kilometres east of Hilo early Thursday, with sustained winds of 135 km/h and travelling about 30 km/h.

Hurricane Julio, meanwhile, swirled closely behind with maximum winds whipping at 160 km/h.

The two hurricanes have disrupted tourism, prompted flash flood warnings and led to school closures. Gov. Neil Abercrombie, meanwhile, signed an emergency proclamation allowing officials to tap into a disaster fund set aside by the state Legislature.

Hawaiian Airlines waived reservation change fees and fare differences for passengers who needed to alter travel plans Thursday and Friday because of the storms. Hawaiian Airlines spokeswoman Ann Botticelli said hundreds of inquires poured in from customers seeking to change their flights.

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Hurricanes rare in paradise

Hawaii has been directly hit by hurricanes only three times since 1950, though the region has had 147 tropical cyclones over that time. The last time Hawaii was hit with a tropical storm or hurricane was in 1992, when Hurricane Iniki killed six people and destroyed more than 1,400 homes in Kauai, said meteorologist Eric Lau.

- The storms are rare but not unexpected in years with a developing El Nino, a change in ocean temperature that affects weather around the world.

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Red meat lovers ticked off about odd food allergy

That bites. Sugar transmitted by tick bites triggers meat-based allergic reactions in people

Doctors across the United States are seeing a surge of sudden meat allergies in people bitten by a certain kind of tick.

This bizarre problem was only discovered a few years ago but is growing as the ticks spread from the southwest and the east to more parts of the United States. The culprit is the Lone Star tick, named for Texas, a state famous for meaty barbecues. The tick is now found throughout the south and the eastern half of the United States.

The Lone Star tick.
JAMES GATHANY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The bugs harbour a sugar humans don't have called alpha-gal. The sugar is also found in red meat and even some dairy products.

A tick bite triggers an immune system response, and in that high-alert state, the body perceives the sugar the tick transmitted to the victim's bloodstream and skin as a foreign substance, and makes antibodies to it, setting the stage for an allergic reaction the next time the sugar is consumed.

Dr. Erin McGintee, an allergy specialist on eastern Long Island, an area with many ticks, has seen nearly 200 cases over the last three years. At least 30 involved children, and the youngest was aged four or five.

"It is bizarre," she said. "It goes against almost anything I've ever learned as an allergist." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists resume digging

This July 2014 image shows the interior of the Natural Trap Cave in north-central Wyoming. Scientists resumed digging for the first time in over 30 years. The cave houses the remains of tens of thousands of extinct animals from the Pleistocene period. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Space

NASA readies for Orion recovery

The U.S. navy and NASA wrapped up the second round of practice recoveries of the Orion spacecraft, which is designed to bring humans to the moon, asteroids and, eventually, to Mars.

The tests took place from Aug. 1 to 4 a few hundred miles off the coast of Baja California, Mexico, where the Orion will splash down Dec. 4. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida

Researchers ID long-missing boy

A boy who was buried at a reform school with a history of unsanitary and decrepit conditions was for the first time positively identified among the scores of remains that were found in unmarked graves.

Researchers identified George Owen Smith's body using a DNA sample taken from his sister. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Family members welcome at bedside during medical crises

Break from tradition. Experts claim benefits to not shooing family away during patient resuscitation efforts

When a code blue is announced in hospital and a resuscitation team rushes to a patient's side, tradition has dictated that family members get out of the way.

But that notion is slowly being replaced by a new model in which family members are given the option — sometimes even encouragement — to remain near the bedside.

Among centres embracing the idea is Calgary's recently opened acute-care hospital, South Health Campus, where staff make sure family members know they are welcome to be present if they wish.

Lisa Lazenby and her 20-month-old son Abel at their home in Calgary on Wednesday. Lazenby was allowed to stay by her baby's side 18 months ago as a medical team worked to revive him. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANDIAN PRESS

Joanne Ganton, manager of the Patient and Family Centred Care program at South Health Campus, said the idea raised a number of objections, including that it would be too traumatic for families, there would not be enough room to work and there was a danger of a person fainting, thereby creating another patient.

Too important

"It was really momentous for me because I think in that moment I thought if he does — it's awful, I can't even say it — if he does die, then I have to be here."

Calgary mother Lisa Lazenby, on being there for the resuscitation of her baby Abel

However, research and experience show those fears haven't been borne out, said Ganton.

Quite the opposite, agreed Stephen Samis, vice-president of programs at the Canadian Foundation for Health Care Improvement.

"They're less traumatized than if they've been waiting out in the corridors and having somebody come out and tell them, 'Well, here's what happened,'" Samis said.

He added that research suggests patient outcomes are better, care is improved and there are fewer errors.

While staff may experience some performance anxiety, Ganton said loved ones are typically focused on the patient.

"They just want to be close, because your biggest fear is, 'I don't want him to die alone. I don't want him to die with strangers,'" she said.

And if a patient doesn't survive, she said family members often feel that if "he could have just heard my voice, felt my touch, I know that he would have known I was there for him and maybe he would have held on."

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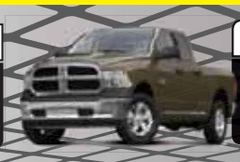

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Steve Beauchesne poses at Beau's All Natural Brewing Co. in Vankleek Hill, Ont. Wanna make your own craft beer? Check out some tips on how to brew beer at home at metronews.ca. And scan this photo with your Metro News app to see what's brewing across the country. GEOFF NIXON/FOR METRO

Specialty brews

- **Craft beer:** A specialty beer produced in limited quantities
- **Microbrewery:** A small brewery making specialty beer in limited quantities

Source: www.merriam-webster.com

Tom Green's first sips of beer came courtesy of his dad, Richard — sort of.

"When you first start drinking," the Canadian comedian recalls in a phone interview with Metro, "you sneak whatever your dad has in the fridge."

Growing up in the nation's capital meant sneaking the nation's top brands, namely Molson's Export and Canadian, and Labatt's 50 and Blue.

When he started buying his own beer, the funny man considered himself a bit of a connoisseur. "I always went towards the craft — Rickard's Red and Alexander Keith's, good Canadian beers," says Green, who now lives full-time in L.A.

Back in the 1980s and '90s, choice was limited. New microbreweries started, then went flat fast. These days, the options are seemingly endless. There are saisons for patio season, pumpkin ales come fall, stouts for the holiday season and maple syrup concoctions in the spring.

We are currently in a "golden age" of craft beer, says Joel Manning, the brewmaster at Mill Street Brewery in Toronto, who has been working in the business since 1986.

Over the past four years, he says, an average of one new microbrewery pops up in Ontario each month. It's a similar story across the country, from Nova Scotia to British Columbia.

Hopped up on going local

Green teamed up with Beau's All Natural Brewing Co. in Vankleek Hill, Ont., a one-light town about an hour east of Ottawa, to make and sell The Tom Green Beer.

The beer bottles, bearing a beautiful illustration of the comedy legend with one eyebrow cocked, seem like an elaborate prank. But it's actually a serious award-winning milk stout, inspired by the milk gags Green used to pull on his Rogers cable access show before he hit the big time.

It's this attention to detail of what's on, as well as in, the bottles that has led the father-son team of Tim and Steve Beauchense to big-time success.

Breaking into the beer biz

Starting a microbrewery takes skill, and perhaps a bit of liquid courage. Granville Island Brewing Co. (GIB) in Vancouver has managed to stay in the beer biz for 30 years and counting. Here's some key ingredients for brewing up success.

- **The lightbulb moment:** In the early '80s, Mitch Taylor and Bill Harvey were inspired by the beer culture in Germany and Belgium and decided to try to bring it to British Columbia.
- **Do your homework:** The pair embarked on years of research, visiting microbreweries in the U.S. and Germany. They also got to know the main stakeholders.
- **Have laser focus:** The duo decided to focus on offering premium bottom fermented lager beers aged for several weeks in cold pressurized tanks, sold in draft in bars. They also made GIB available in bottles in local restaurants and stores.
- **Build a cult following:** In 1984 GIB was born, focusing on a German lager beer to gain a loyal local fan base.
- **Stay true to your roots:** While GIB is now owned by Molson Coors Brewing Co. it remains small and in B.C.

Beau's (a shortening of their surname) launched on Canada Day in 2006 and is now served in about 1,200 restaurants and sold in roughly 400 Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) stores.

"This is part of the local food movement," says Steve, explaining the phenomenal growth of his certified organic brewery. "People want to have authentic food and beer."

Drinking beer has always seemed as authentically Canadian as ice hockey and maple syrup. But cracking open a few cold ones actually peaked in the Great White North in 1975 at 106.50 litres of beer per capita. By 2010, consumption had dropped to 73.86 litres per capita, with many opting for wine instead, according to Statistics Canada.

But beer is still the No. 1 alcoholic beverage for Canucks, with many now choosing a microbrew. Sales of craft beer have increased by 1,800 per cent to approximately $50 million over the past 10 years, according to a spokesperson with the LCBO. In B.C., sales from breweries producing less than 15,000 hectolitres have more than doubled since 2009 to $67.9 million, reveals a spokesperson with B.C.'s liquor distribution branch.

It used to be men, like Green's dad, would buy "yellow, fizzy beer" by the case, for life, from the dominant Canadian brands. "Most people now have 10 to 12 beers on rotation," says Manning.

The big guys react (or not)

Molson has woken up to this sobering reality.

The iconic brand, started by John Molson in 1786 in Montreal, has heavily relied on nationalism to build loyalty. The average clean-cut Joe reciting the 'I am Canadian' rant in a plaid shirt in the early 2000s was the Platonic ideal of the Molson customer. Then, Canada's brewery merged with American behemoth Coors to form Molson Coors Brewing Co. in 2005.

While Canadian guys in 2014 are still partial to plaid, the young ones also tend to have a craft beer from a local brewery in their hands. This shift led Molson Coors to set up a craft beer division in 2011, after acquiring two top microbrewers — Ontario's Creemore Springs and B.C.'s Granville Island Brewing Co. Molson Coors had about 39 per cent of the national market and had net sales of $4.21 billion US worldwide in fiscal 2013, according to company reports.

Meanwhile, Labatt Breweries of Canada is sticking with its tried-and-true formula — largely staying away from the move to stronger flavoured beers. The brewer, founded by John Labatt in 1847 in London, Ont., eventually merged with Belgium-based brand Anheuser-Busch InBev in 2008. Canada's No. 1 brand is a hair ahead of Molson with about 40 per cent of the market, according to a company report.

It's a never-ending party?

Men *and* women of all ages are seeking out the next big thing. Beer has shed its stereotypical hoser image, immortalized by Bob and Doug McKenzie on 1980s comedy show SCTV.

CanLit goddess Margaret Atwood has a gruit ale (herb and berry-infused) with Beau's. Rock god Sam Roberts has a "session ale" with Toronto's Spearhead Brewing Company. Hipsters with nothing more than a home brew kit and a dream are giving it a go. The money is flowing, but so is the hubris.

The story of Mill Street starting as "three guys and a truck" in 2002 is intoxicating, but Manning warns some upstarts won't make it. Small outfits can have issues with quality control and some lack a basic understanding of the business side.

The Beauchesnes have been able to steadily build their brewery by mixing the father's business background, with the son's passion for the product. Having a national comedy treasure hock his eponymous beer on Jimmy Fallon's TV show last year didn't hurt, either.

Beau's is now available in New York state and there are plans to expand into Quebec.

Success is giving microbrewers a nice buzz, but is the trend close to tapped out?

"The popularity of craft beer is still growing," asserts Green. "People like original things."

Raise a glass of (craft) beer and cheers to that.

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What?! Bids for business card of Sam Sung surpass the $80K mark on eBay

Tech giant rivals Apple and Samsung may have dropped their ongoing patent disputes outside of the U.S., but that isn't stopping fans from engaging in a bidding war for the coveted last business card of a former Vancouver Apple Store employee named Sam Sung.

As of Thursday morning, online bidding for a framed and autographed presentation of Sung's last Apple business card, T-shirt and lanyard, which he is auctioning off for charity, surpassed a shocking $80,200 US on eBay, or $87,678.64 in Canadian dollars.

The former Apple Specialist, who previously worked at the Vancouver Pacific Centre location, shot to Internet fame in October 2012 when a photo of his business card bearing his coincidental name went viral online.

While he's pleased to see the auction doing so well, Sung said his top concern is ensuring those bidding on the item are authentic bidders.

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Russia strikes back with sanctions of its own

Women choose Dutch tomatoes at a supermarket in downtown Moscow on Thursday. The Russian government has banned all imports of meat, fish, milk and milk products and fruit and vegetables from the United States, the European Union, Australia, Canada and Norway, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev announced Thursday. The move was taken on orders from President Vladimir Putin in response to sanctions imposed on Russia by the West over the crisis in Ukraine. The ban has been introduced for one year. IVAN SEKRETAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada looks to lure 'brilliant' immigrants

Jason Kenney. America's troubled immigration system is an opportunity to 'aggressively' court top talent to come here

Quoted

"We're seeking very deliberately to benefit from the dysfunctional American immigration system. I make no bones about it." Employment Minister Jason Kenney

Stalled immigration reforms in the United States are an opportunity for Canada to scoop up a wealth of young, "brilliant" foreign nationals and direct them into burgeoning tech-sector employment, federal employment minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

Kenney heartily endorsed his government's efforts to entice educated immigrants north of the 49th parallel as a direct counter to American policy obstacles to settling down there after earning highly prized degrees.

Kenney said the government has no concerns about aspiring to capitalize off the "super smart" graduates being produced in the U.S., where tens of thousands of young people from around the world attend prestigious schools like Stanford University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of California.

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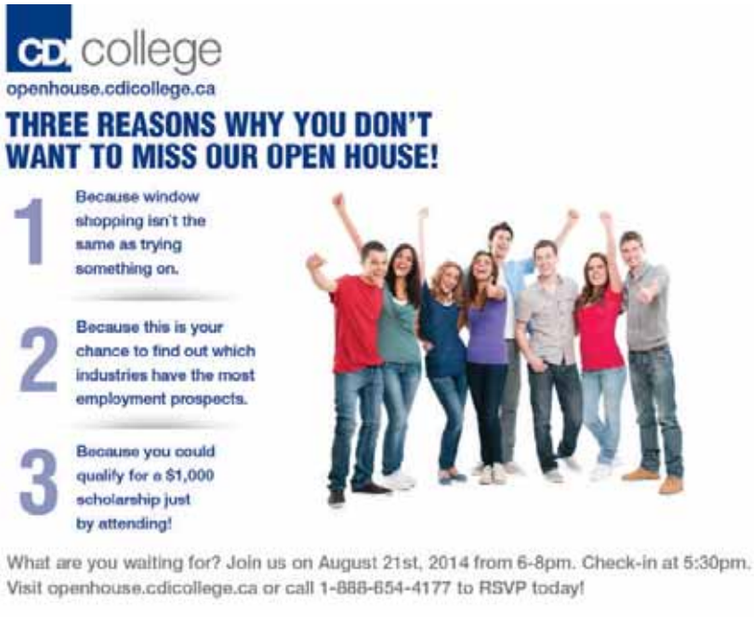
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THE METRO LIST
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Time once again for the list-to-end-all-lists: The Metro List. Here's what's causing the Earth to chase its tail this week:

1 **Alison Redford, We Hardly Knew Ya.** Memo to self: Double-check those expenses. It's hard to believe, but Alison Redford, who had it all, still wanted more, and even created fake fellow airline travellers to help herself to a few extra taxpayer dollars, according to the provincial attorney general. So now she's the ex-premier of Alberta, and this week, out of politics altogether. It's still the same old story — greed kills.

2 **The Ballad of Jay-Z and Beyoncé.** Looks as if pop music's power couple is running out of gas. Even though they've been married for six years, the usual reliable sources report that on their current tour they've been staying in different hotels, and the tour entourage includes four lawyers, two each. It doesn't take four lawyers to make sure there is the right number of M&Ms in the backstage bowl. On their latest stop in San Francisco, they made an effort to play nice and stay in the same hotel at least, but no word yet on whether the release of diss track Sorry Mrs. Carter by model/rapper Olivia McFallar changes anything. McFallar, a.k.a. Yes Liv Can, denies the rumour that she is Jay-Z's mistress in the rather confusing tune, though she claims it wasn't from Hov's lack of effort. Stay tuned.

3 **Suck It Up, Comrade.** Russian President Vladimir Putin, annoyed by sanctions from the West, has banned food imports from Canada, the U.S., the European Union, Australia, Norway, etc. Meat? Nyet! Fish? Nyet! Fruit and veg? Nyet. Dairy products? Also Nyet. Putin must be counting on nostalgia for the good old days when the average Russian stood in line all day for turnips and vodka. Hope they've got a lot of vodka.

4 **Not So Long Ago, Not So Far Away.** The Star Wars franchise has officially been fully Disneyfied. Disney announced this week that both its theme parks, California's Disneyland and Florida's Disney World, will get major Star Wars additions. No details yet, but does that mean the future will no longer be represented by Tomorrowland and Epcot Center, both permanently frozen in time (1959, to be precise)? Who's your daddy, Luke?

5 **Products of a Deranged Mind, Number 37.** Hey, workout fans, a U.K. company has developed a device that allows you to track the number of calories you burn during sex, plus the number of, um, thrusts per minute. It's called SexFit and it fits around your boy bit, vibrating while it collects data. Then you can download the app and share your stats with other ridiculous narcissists. It's a prototype at the moment, and with any luck, it will remain so forever. Going for the burn just got weird.

TAXIDEMERIT

Confiscated stuffed animals are on display during a news conference in Carson, Calif., Wednesday. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized nearly $9,000 worth of stuffed-and-mounted animals.
NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maybe they shouldn't have marked the would-be contraband 'animal heads'?

Federal customs officials at the Port of Los Angeles have seized about $9,000 worth of mounted and stuffed wildlife "hunting trophies" that lacked proper export permits.

The collection was on display Wednesday during a news conference at a Carson warehouse. The items, packed in seven boxes as part of a consolidated shipment declared to be household goods, were confiscated July 23. "Animal heads" was written on one of the boxes.

Investigators said at least some of the items were purchased from a liquidator in Texas by a 44-year-old man from the Philippines who was in the United States for the first time with his wife and two children on a family vacation.

Officials said the man is co-operating and is not believed to have been aware of the needed permits. The items will probably be donated to zoos, universities or other schools for educational uses, officials said.

THE DAILY BREEZE

The goods

- The collection included a bear skull and full-body mounts of a bobcat, a lynx with a bird and a baboon, all four of which are protected species.
- Other specimens included deer, kudu and impala antlers and horns, shoulder mounts of a goat and a zebra, a wildebeest, an African antelope, African gazelle, two smallmouth bass and an alligator.

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From forced labour to fun in the sun

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Rummu is an abandoned Soviet-era prison that also served as a forced labour mine near Tallinn, Estonia. In a rare example of poor Soviet planning, it turns out all of that mandatory mining left the quarry prone to flooding from underground waters. And that's exactly what happened, transforming what was once a hellish crime against nature into one of the most unusual and beautiful beach bum meccas we've ever seen. It's probably totally spooky when the sun goes down, though. (XL-Studios/YouTube)

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Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Helen Mirren plays an icy French chef in The Hundred-Foot Journey. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

The Hundred-Foot Journey is a feel-good movie about an Indian family who moves to a small town in France to open a restaurant. Across the street is a Michelin-starred French eatery run with an iron fist by Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren). Cultures and personalities clash, but soon Hassan Kadam's (Manish Dayal) talent leads him on a journey. First he crosses the hundred feet between the restaurant his father (Om Puri) owns to Madame Mallory's kitchen, then to Paris and ultimately to his real passion.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

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The Hundred-Foot Journey. The story runs a little bland at times, but Indian actor Om Puri adds some fine flavour

Richard: Mark, the last time director Lasse Hallström went all Food Network on us, the result was the 2000 bonbon Chocolat, a comic story with a bittersweet edge. He's revisiting similar ground here, mixing gastroporn, good old-fashioned romance and cross-cultural farce.

Despite its predictability, The Hundred-Foot Journey's collection of characters keeps things lively and amusing and the food looks so good you'll wish the movie was in Smell-O-Vision.

I thought it was an enjoyable film about passion; the passion for food, passion for culture but most of all, passion for life. What did you think?

Mark: Richard, I wouldn't use the word passion to describe this movie. It was full of warmth, and it glowed from the sun-dappled shots of the French countryside to the sun-dappled shots of the delicious food to the sun-dappled shots of Helen Mirren's profile contemplating Septuagenarian sex.

But passion? If this movie about food were a food, it would be a nice custard, served at room temperature.

RC: Perhaps there wasn't passion of the Gordon Ramsay style, but I thought the characters, particularly the young leads, brought enthusiasm not only to their romance but to their rivalry as well.

As Marguerite, Charlotte Le Bon moves beyond simply playing the romantic counterpart and puts herself and her dream of being a chef first. I liked that she was spunkier than you often see in a movie like this. Ditto Mirren.

As Madame comes to respect and then like her new neighbours, her ice queen demeanour slowly melts, allowing the actress to subtly reveal layers of character.

MB: None of them impressed me Richard, not even Mirren.

The one actor that did blow me away was the great Indian actor Om Puri, whose name even sounds like a fine dish, served with a side of raita.

I didn't find much that surprised me in the script either, although I wasn't expecting the young Indian chef to cross the road and work at Mirren's classical French restaurant.

Whether or not you see him as a contemptible sellout or not probably depends on your attitude towards fusion cuisine.

RC: Tone-wise this movie reminded me of The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

It may not be the most original movie to hit screens this summer, but I liked the characters and left the theatre hungry for more.

MB: I just left the theatre hungry. The vindaloo has the best part.

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Action/Sci-Fi

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Director. Jonathan Liebesman

Stars. Megan Fox

Darkness has settled over New York City as Shredder and his evil Foot Clan have an iron grip on everything from the police to the politicians. The future is grim until four unlikely outcast brothers rise from the sewers and discover their destiny as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The Turtles must work with fearless reporter April O'Neil (Megan Fox) and her wise-cracking cameraman Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett).

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 31% Audience: + 93%

Drama/Comedy

Magic in the Moonlight

Director. Woody Allen

Stars. Eileen Atkins, Colin Firth

Chinese conjuror Wei Ling Soo is the most celebrated magician of his age, but few know that he is the stage persona of Stanley Crawford (Colin Firth), a grouchy and arrogant Englishman with a sky-high opinion of himself and an aversion to phony spiritualists' claims. Persuaded by his friend, Stanley goes on a mission to the Côte d'Azur mansion of the Catledge family.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 61% Audience: 61%

Mystery & Suspense

Into The Storm

Director. Steven Quale

Stars. Richard Armitage, Sarah Wayne Callies

In the span of a single day, the town of Silverton is ravaged by an unprecedented onslaught of tornadoes. The entire town is at the mercy of the erratic and deadly cyclones, even as storm trackers predict the worst is yet to come. Most people seek shelter, while others run towards the vortex, testing how far a storm chaser will go for that once-in-a-lifetime shot.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No score yet Audience: + 93%

Drama/Musical

Step Up All In

Director. Trish Sie

Stars. Ryan Guzman

In the next exciting chapter of the international phenomenon Step Up, all-stars from previous instalments come together in glittering Las Vegas, battling for a victory that could define their dreams and their careers.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 57% Audience: + 83%

Drama, Sci-Fi/Fantasy

The Zero Theorem

Director. Terry Gilliam

Stars. Christoph Waltz, Tilda Swinton, Melanie Thierry

Terry Gilliam (Brazil, 12 Monkeys, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas)'s madcap science fiction epic The Zero Theorem stars two-time Academy Award-winner Christoph Waltz as Qohen Leth, an eccentric and reclusive computer genius plagued with existential angst. Living in isolation in a burnt-out church, Qohen is obsessively working on a mysterious project.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 53% Audience: + 89%

Drama

Young & Beautiful

Director. Francois Ozon

Stars. Marine Vacth, Geraldine Pailhas

Acclaimed director François Ozon (Swimming Pool, 8 Women) helms this erotic tale of sexual awakening. After losing her virginity, 17-year-old budding beauty Isabelle (Marine Vacth) takes up a secret life as a call girl, meeting her older gentlemen clients for sleazy hotel room trysts. Throughout, she remains curiously aloof.

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Batman V Superman film release bumped up

Superhero showdown.
Warner shifts date to avoid competing with Captain America

Ben Affleck, left, and Henry Cavill are Batman and Superman in the new Batman V Superman movie. GETTY IMAGES

To avoid going head to head with Captain America 3 in theaters, Warner Bros has decided to shift the release of Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice forward by more than a month.

Initially, both films were set to hit theatres on May 6, 2016, meaning that the superheroes would have given each other some serious competition at the box office. Since Disney refused to change the date of its next Captain America movie, Warner Bros revised the production timeline on its DC feature and announced the new release date of March 25, 2016.

Now rather than clashing directly with a rival superhero, Batman and Superman will be in theatres at the same time as Paramount's Beverly Hills Cop 4 with Eddie Murphy, which is due for release on the same day.

If Warner Bros wants to give the best chance possible to Batman V Superman, it's partly because of the high expectations surrounding its superhero franchises in general. The studio recently announced the provisional release dates of 10 new DC Comics movies set to debut between 2016 and 2020.

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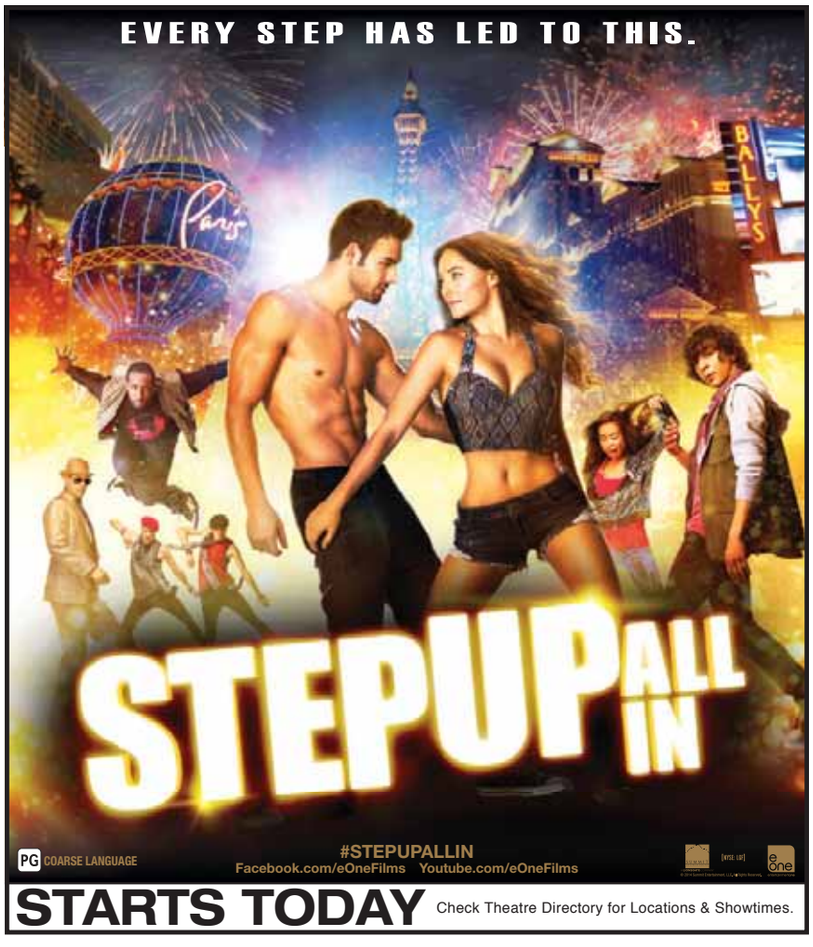
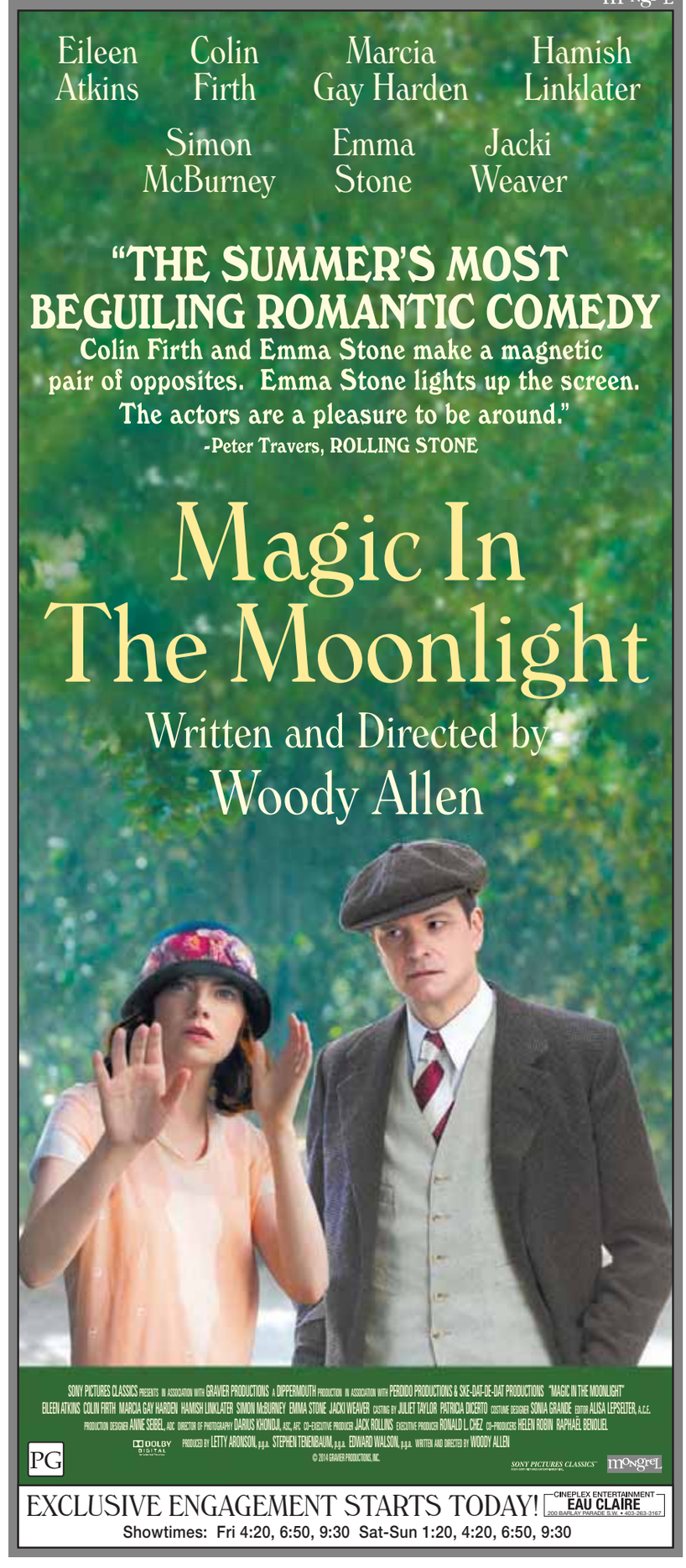
What comics?

Warner has provisional release dates for 10 new DC Comics movies between 2016 and 2020. Rumour has it the lineup will include Justice League movies, a sequel to Man of Steel and even Aquaman.

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Aubrey Plaza is all about the brains

Life After Beth. Though she may have an appetite for them in this zom-com, actress is also in possession of a pretty sharp brain

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Aubrey Plaza, star of the new zombie rom-com Life After Beth, is a liar.

When asked if it is possible to overthink her approach to a character she says, "I'm not very smart to begin with, so I can't overthink anything. If I'm thinking about something, that's a big deal for me."

Liar, liar, pants on fire.

Actually, the New York University's Tisch School of the Arts graduate, best known as April Ludgate on Parks and Recreation, is a secret smarty-pants with a well thought-out career path.

"Most scripts I read feel wrong to me just because they're not good," she says. "I tend to try and do things that are scary to me because otherwise I'll just get offered the same thing over and over again, and who wants to see that ... except for everyone."

Life After Beth offered up something different and a little scary. Plaza says the story of Zack (Dane DeHaan) and his recently deceased girlfriend Beth (Plaza) who refuses to stay dead is a metaphor "for a breakup and how when you break up with someone, it's like they die. Then you try to get back together with them and you only remember the good things. Or you turn that person into a monster. There's all kinds of ways you can look at the movie."

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→ Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a clip of Zack (Dane DeHaan) reacting to news his girlfriend Beth is dead!

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Life After Beth opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

The 30-year-old actress says, "I like make-believe which is why I like movies and like making them and making people believe that I am good at that," adding that she always had "grand delusions" of a career in film.

"I had really weird taste when I was little," she says. "I was really into Judy Garland and Bette Midler. I had a sophisticated gay man's taste at an early age."

Plaza was also obsessed with Saturday Night Live, particularly with the female cast members like Molly Shannon, Tina Fey and her current Parks and Rec co-star Amy Poehler, a person she now calls a "close friend" and the nicest and funniest person in the room.

"She is like a glowing orb of light."

Her take on Poehler is believable, but when asked about her movie's message, she lies again.

"I want people to see zombies in a whole new light and think before they shoot them in the brains," she says. "If the zombie apocalypse happens I want the world to remember, 'These were humans at one point...' No, I think they should just shoot them. Immediately."

Quoted

"I had really weird taste when I was little. I was really into Judy Garland and Bette Midler. I had a sophisticated gay man's taste at an early age."
Aubrey Plaza

Upcoming film

Liam Neeson
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Neeson action flick pushed forward

Initially slated for a February release, the action thriller Run All Night is now due in North American theatres on April 17, 2015, Warner Bros has announced. After the Taken films and the more recent Non-Stop, Liam Neeson will reprise his action role in Run All Night, in which he plays a hit man who defies his mobster bosses in order to save those close to him. AFP

Katie Holmes finds it hard to play it flat

The Giver. Actress had difficulty going against the urge to emote in sci-fi tale about a utopia with no pain

Katie Holmes is the first to admit that she found the idea of playing one of the citizens in the sci-fi allegory The Giver a bit of a head-scratcher as far as acting exercises go.

"It was a really challenging role to play because it's this utopian society, this alternate reality. There's no emotion, there's no pain, there's a great deal of security and safety, but to play that as an actor is interesting because we like to emote," she says.

"They don't have any emotions, but I think that they're human after all, so I always believed that the characters were capable of love."

Of course, the pedigree of the project — based on Lois Lowry's award-winning, best-selling young adult novel — didn't hurt. "I heard about the project and I heard it was (director) Phil Noyce and Jeff Bridges and Meryl Streep," she says. "I was not familiar with the book, so I read the book along with the script and I thought it was a really powerful story."

While it's been 16 years since Holmes shot to fame barely out of her teens on Dawson's Creek, the actress has no regrets about finding success so early. "I feel really lucky for all the opportunities that I've had. I think it's great to start young because you learn the business quickly. It's exciting," she says. And she still keeps up with her co-stars, she insists. "I just saw Michelle (Williams) in Cabaret. She's amazing in it," Holmes says of her Dawson's Creek co-star's current Broadway gig.

Speaking of Broadway, professionally Holmes has been a bit quiet since Batman Begins nine years ago — popping up in an odd mix of projects every year or two like Don't Be Afraid of the Dark, The Kennedys television miniseries and Adam Sandler's dubious Jack and Jill — but fans closer to New York City know that she's been keeping plenty busy with stage work, recently playing on Broadway in All My Sons and Dead Accounts. And if Holmes has her way, that won't be the end of it.

"It's just different. It's a different experience, but they're both very satisfying professionally," she says, comparing theatre and film work."

The Giver opens next Friday.

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A thespian's wish

What else would Holmes like to do in theatre? "I'd like to do The Cherry Orchard. I'd like to do Dollhouse," she says.

Katie Holmes and Alexander Skarsgard star in The Giver. CONTRIBUTED

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Surgeon saves lives the low-tech way

The Knick. Hospital drama set in 1900 stars Clive Owen as brilliant but drug-addicted doc

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Clive Owen, centre, and Eric Johnson, star in The Knick, a 1900s hospital drama premiering Aug. 8 on HBO Canada. CINEMAX

Clive Owen may have started out on television, but he hasn't appeared on a series since 1996's Sharman — save for a hilarious self-parodying cameo on Extras for Ricky Gervais.

Still, Owen respects his TV roots, including his first breakout role on the British series Chancer in 1990.

"I did a lot of television when I was young, and that was the first big series," he says. "That series got me going, really, and sort of launched me, and I had a great time with it.

"I did two seasons of that and, at that particular time in my life and my career, I decided I wanted to do other things and keep things as sort of mixed and varied as I could. I went off and did other things — theatre, smaller films."

Small films like Croupier, Gosford Park and Children of Men. Certainly nothing to sneeze at.

Now, almost 25 years later, Owen is happily taking to the small screen with The Knick (premiering Fri., Aug. 8 at 11 p.m. ET/MT on HBO Canada), playing Dr. John Thackery, lead surgeon in New York's Knickerbocker Hospital in the early 20th century.

What brought him back? Well, being directed by Steven Soderbergh didn't hurt.

"Steven called me up when he had the first script, and he told me he was thinking about a 10-part television series. I've known Steven sort of, you know, for a number of years, and I'm a huge fan of his," Owen explains. "But the reality is, as an actor, when you come across a piece of material that sets you alight and reminds you of why you do what you do, that's the be-all and end-all. The fact that it's 20 hours of television, all it means to me is that I'm lucky enough to be involved in something that I'm very passionate about."

Dr. John Thackery

"He's a very complex, difficult character. He's kind of redeemed by the fact that he's brilliant and he's passionate."

Clive Owen, The Knick
Describing his role as Dr. John Thackery

Owen admits he didn't always feel that way, given the time commitment — and that was even before the 10-episode series became a 20-episode series.

"To be honest with you, before I started reading the script, I wasn't sure I wanted to commit to 10 hours of television playing the same part," he says. "I was shooting something else, sitting in a trailer. I started to read the script to get a taste of what it might be like and, 40 minutes later, there was no way I was not going to do it, because it was such a beautifully written script and such an amazingly original part. I was never not going to do it."

Part of that appeal is the role of Thackery, an ambitious, pioneering surgeon with a few substance abuse issues bringing him down.

"He's not a sort of leading character that's going to take people by the hand and lead them gently through a medical drama set in 1900," Owen says.

"He's a very complex, difficult character. He's kind of redeemed by the fact that he's brilliant and he's passionate. He's about trying to forward the whole world of medicine and trying to save people's lives and, ultimately, you know, providing a huge service to people, generally. But he's a very difficult, complicated, functioning addict at the same time.

"It's kind of challenging, and I personally, as an actor, love the challenge of taking that on."

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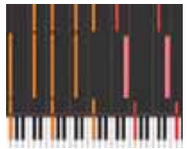
Promise/ Tori Amos

Yes, Gen-Xers, your quirky alt-nation queen has hit the big 5-0. And she's now performing with her 13-year-old daughter, Natashya. This duet is from Tori's new album, Unrepentant Geraldines.

OCD/ Al Walser

The quote on this guy is that he "sounds like the Incredible Hulk having sex." Originally from Liechtenstein, Walser is a former European karaoke champ turned DJ turned TV host.



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No matter how many hands or fingers you have, no human will ever be able to play this piano composition. Best leave it to the machines.

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As cheesy as the movie, but with little gore, this endless obstacle course has you running, bouncing, surfing, and chainsawing your way past chomping sharks and into the tornado itself.

Video game review

Name. Blood Bowl

For. PC/Xbox 360/iPad/ Android

Rated. Teen 13+

Imagine football players on a chessboard and you get the idea. This is a slow, thoughtful strategy game where silly-voiced orcs deliver consequences that are more comical than macho. Over-the-top announcers and "Bloodweiser Babes" create a fun environment, but as a faithful simulation of the board game, it's thick with rules and dice rolls. It's impressive the way tablet users can play against PC users online and the campaigns offer a deep system to build and improve your own team. It's complex, but nerdy fun. **KRIS ABEL**

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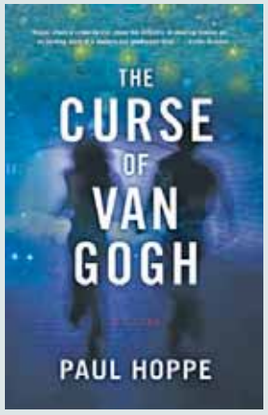
EMILY LAURENCE
Metro in New York City

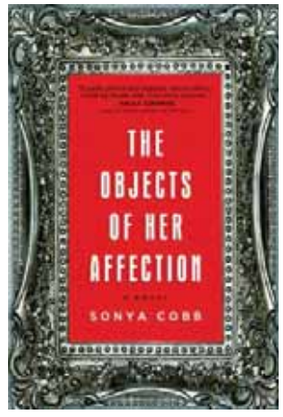
The Curse of Van Gogh by Paul Hoppe

If you love a good art heist story, you'll devour this thriller, which came out July 29, the 124th anniversary of artist Vincent Van Gogh's death. Hoppe tells the tale of an art thief just released from prison who falls back into his wicked ways after bartending at a New York City art event. Author Paul Hoppe's background is in Hollywood screenwriting and he really packs a lot of action into his first novel.



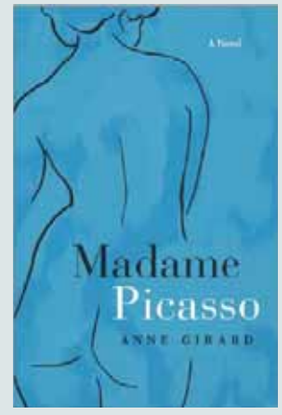
The Objects of Her Affection by Sonya Cobb

Another good art heist novel is The Objects of her Affection, out this month. It's about a woman named Sophie whose husband works as a curator for the Philadelphia Museum of Art. When her family starts struggling financially, she finds herself doing something no one would ever expect her of doing: stealing a pricey antique.



Madame Picasso by Anne Girard

Out Aug. 26, this novel imagines a torrid love affair between Picasso and a small-town girl named Eva who moves to Paris where she meets the artist. Of course, Picasso wasn't a one-woman-man type of guy, so expect lots of drama along with steamy love scenes. In real life, Madame Picasso was Picasso's lifelong muse. This book tells the imagined story of her life.



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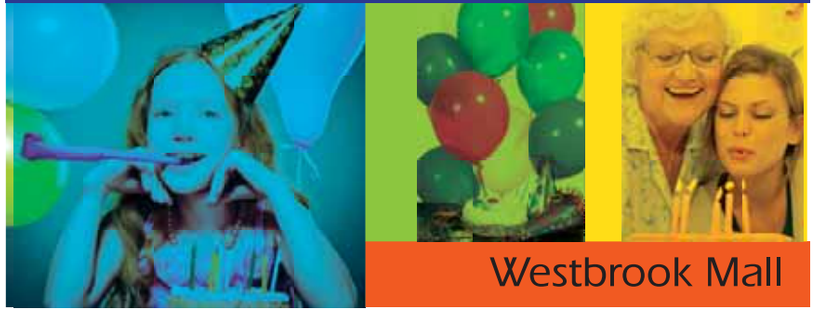

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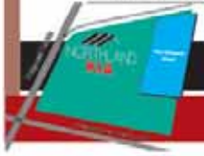

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Starlet complains journos take her quotes out of context, so here's just a transcript ... draw your own conclusions

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Megan Fox has a bone to pick with the press.

"I like to be open with you guys and I like to be honest.

"I hate being disingenuous," she tells the press while promoting Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, in which she plays journalist April O'Neil.

"But ... so much of what I say gets sensationalized. Even when I'm trying to be straightforward and honest and my comments are innocent, inevitably they get turned into something salacious ...

"You guys should all behave yourselves and be nice when you report on things that I say."

Far be it from us to add to Ms. Fox's concerns, so here, in her own words, are some of the straightforward, honest and innocent things she has to say about Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and her experience playing the other side of the press as April O'Neil.

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→ Scan this code with your Metro News app for a video of Fox talking about her TMNT character!

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Megan Fox tries life on the other side of the camera, playing reporter April O'Neil in the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles film, which opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

On what playing a journalist taught her about journalism...

"I realized that your job is much more tedious than maybe I realized previously. You've really got to keep track of a lot of s—."

On playing scantily clad characters...

"I don't mind doing that stuff. I think that's been a part of being an actress in Hollywood since the beginning. I don't feel ashamed or like I can't be taken seriously while also wearing a tank top. And if you don't take me seriously while I'm wearing a tank top, that's your f—ing problem, not mine."

On the state of journalism...

"I'm not trying to tell you guys that you're becoming obsolete, but kind of everyone with an iPhone is a journalist in their own way now — especially because we live in a tabloid culture. When you watch CNN and they're giving you news based on tweets that people are sending out, you realize that society is really changing. The collective public have a really big voice now that they didn't previously have, and they're influencing the trajectory of how we are socially and with one another. I don't know, I'm going to start getting metaphysical with you."

On acting opposite CGI characters...

"When we were doing Transformers, Shia and I were sort of just screaming things at the sky. We had no references at all at that point — because how can you? I mean, you're dealing with, like, 30-foot robots."

On dealing with haters online...

"Let me tell you something about those people. How much money did Transformers 4 make? Exactly. Those people can complain, (but) they all go to the theatre as soon as the movie's coming out. They're going to love it, and if they don't love it they can f— off, and that's the end of that."

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Prince William's got a brand new day job

Prince William is taking a new job: Air ambulance pilot.

Britain's royal officials announced yesterday that starting in September, the royal will train for about five months as a helicopter pilot with East Anglian Air Ambulance. If successful, he will join the charity group, based in Cambridge, next spring.

The stint will be William's main job, although he will continue to take on royal duties and engagements. His duties will include working with medics at emergencies ranging from road accidents to heart attacks.

"The pilot is part of the team and he will be looking after patients with conditions that would be horrifying for many, and some pilots may not like that very much," says Alastair Wilson, the charity's medical director. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Heigl blames motherhood, not writers, for Grey's goodbye

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Metro in Hollywood

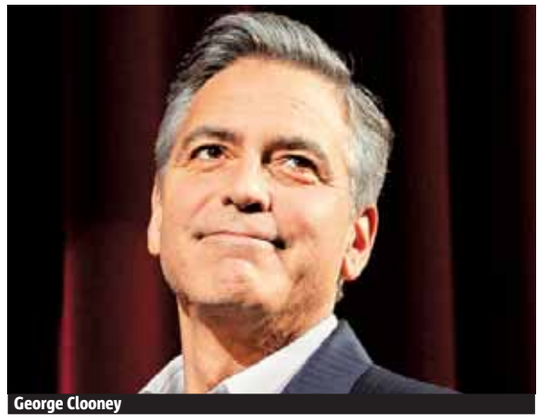
Katherine Heigl is looking to rewrite history in her ongoing image rehabilitation efforts while promoting her new TV series, State of Affairs.

The former Grey's Anatomy star now insists she left the popular medical drama not because of dissatisfaction with the writing, but because she didn't like being a working mom.

"I felt like my priorities were messed up. I was putting so much time and energy into just my work, but I was raised (to believe) that family comes first," Heigl tells Us Weekly. "I would come home angry and frustrated that I'd missed everything with my kid that day. I didn't get to wake her up from her nap or do bath time or bedtime. I'd have to sneak into her room and kiss her when she was sleeping, hoping not to wake her up."

All perfectly valid reasons, granted.

But she seems not to realize that all the stuff she used to say — like, "I did not feel that I was given the material this season to warrant an Emmy nomination" — is actually written down somewhere.



George Clooney

Clooney to wed Alamuddin in Italy, banns confirm

The wedding is on, apparently.

George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin have posted the legally required wedding banns at London's Chelsea Town Hall, indicating they're planning to get hitched imminently, according to People magazine.

A spokesman at the register office at London's Chelsea Old Town Hall confirmed Thursday that the couple posted a legal document for a British national who is marrying abroad.

A photo of the notice published by the Daily Mirror showed the pair's names, ages and occupations.

It also showed they plan a wedding in Italy. The document was taken down after being on display for the requisite 21 days.

It is the second marriage for Clooney, 53, and the first for Alamuddin, 36. **WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Typically bright and refreshing, the table wines from Valpolicella are easy-drinking and grill-friendly.

Where things get interesting is when winemakers dry grapes (a process called appassimento).

The output of the raisin-like fruit creates richly textured wines called amarone (drier), recioto (sweeter) and ripasso (a wine fermented with the grape mass left over from the production of the other two).

Masi Agricola pioneered many of the techniques used in making wines from dried red grapes and is trying them out on white wines. Its 2012 Masianco Pinot Grigio & Verduzzo ($15.00 - $18.99) blends freshly picked grapes with some that see a light drying. The result balances ripe aromatics with citrusy flavours and makes a perfect match with grilled white meats and fresh fish.

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You can replace the feta cheese with a ball of fresh mozzarella, sliced. In this case, you may need to season with a bit more salt. You can also substitute the rectangular tart pan for a pie plate that's 1 inch (2.5 cm) deep and 9 inches (23 cm) in diameter.

Pastry

1. In a food processor, pulse the flour and the butter until the butter is the size of small peas. Add the milk and pulse until a ball begins to form. Remove the dough from the processor and shape into a square with your hands.

2. On floured work surface, roll out the dough into a 16 x 6-inch (40 x 15 cm) rectangle. Line in a 14 x 4-inch (35 x 10 cm) rectangular tart pan. Place in freezer for 15 minutes.

3. With the rack in the lowest position, preheat the oven to 400 F (200 C).

Filling

1. In a bowl, combine the milk and cornstarch with a whisk. Whisk in the eggs and herbs. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Pour into the crust. Sprinkle with the cheese. Carefully top with the tomato clusters. Bake for about 25 minutes or until the filling is firm and lightly browned.

2. Let cool for 10 minutes. Remove the tomato stems before serving. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S UP-COMING ENGLISH EDITION LAUNCHING THIS SEPTEMBER!**

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- 1 cup (250 ml) unbleached all-purpose flour
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Filling
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- 1 tsp (5 ml) cornstarch
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh chives
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Theatrical Roller Derby

If you're thinking about checking out the Fringe Festival that's keeping the Inglewood community abuzz, then you should know about the one-woman show called Roller Derby Saved My Soul. This performance is sure to make laugh as you get to know a shy girl who finds her true passion in the highly competitive and often questionable sport of roller derby. You can catch RDSMS at the Alexandra Centre Society, 922 9th Avenue SE, Aug. 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased in advance at: rollerderbysavedmysoul.com

Project 12

If you're looking for something totally different to do on a Sunday afternoon, then consider attending Project 12. On Aug. 10, the National Music Centre is hosting a cool event that showcases 10 talented artists performing songs they've written. What's the catch? The songs have been put together in only seven days and each artist has to perform using the same guitar. Tickets are $25 and the event will begin at 3 p.m. (134 11th Ave SE). For tickets: galleryhouseconcerts.com

Midtown Celebration

On Aug. 11, this Kensington eatery is celebrating one great year of being open. It's an opportunity to enjoy canapés, do a little mingling, and even get a chance to win a cruiser bike. Village Brewery will also be tapping a special cask to help with the festivities. Midtown Restaurant is located at 302 10th Avenue NW. If you plan to attend, simply RSVP to Katy@bondpr.ca

Reggae Fest

There has been no shortage of stellar summer festivals happening in the last few weeks and here's one more for your calendar: Reggae Fest. From Aug. 14 to 16 you can get your groove on with Jamaican-inspired tunes at Shaw Millennium Park. This year you can catch groups like Infiniti, Mountain Edge Roots & Culture Band, Raging Fyah, Exco Levi and Long Shen Dao. If you're going to be in town, this is one way to ensure you get to experience the maximum amount of mellow within city limits. For tickets or more artist details: reggaefest.ca

Call For Artists

Papergirl Calgary is back and the organization is putting a the call out for submissions. From Aug. 27 to 29, selected art works will be displayed at the EPCOR Centre. This event is focused on making art accessible to all. Once the exhibition is over, a series of art fans on bikes will deliver art to unsuspecting people as a gift to take home. You can enter your prints, drawings and paintings to be part of the 2014 exhibition. There is no charge to submit your pieces; just remember that each piece needs to roll up. For more information and deadlines visit: papergirlyyc.wordpress.com

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SPORTS 4

Raonic rolls, giants fall at Rogers Cup

Rogers Cup. Canada's final hope moves on after top-seeded Djokovic and Aussie Open winner Wawrinka fall

Canada's Milos Raonic strolled into the post-match interview room at Rexall Centre and immediately looked over at the television monitor beside his seat.

He watched the screen intently as Roger Federer and Marin Cilic squared off on the stadium court before sitting down to discuss his 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Julien Benneteau at the Rogers Cup.

Raonic will next meet Feliciano Lopez in the quarterfinals, but the possibility of another semifinal showdown with Federer — just a month after they met in the final four at Wimbledon — has Canadian tennis fans drooling.

So, is a potential rematch with the Swiss star, who topped Cilic 7-6 (5), 6-7 (3), 6-4, in the back of Raonic's mind?

"No, I just enjoy to watch tennis," Raonic said with a grin.

Federer ended Raonic's run at the All England Club before losing to Novak Djokovic in the final. It was a career-best performance at the Grand Slam event for the 23-year-old Canadian, but his performance against Federer left him disappointed and frustrated.

Raonic responded last week by winning in Washington and he has maintained the momentum this week, although he has been tested in both of his matches. The No. 6 seed from Thornhill, Ont., barely got by American Jack Sock in his opener before getting another stiff challenge from Benneteau on Thursday night.

The hard-serving Raonic controlled the early pace with his powerful ground strokes but the Frenchman picked up two breaks in the second set to pull even. Raonic broke Benneteau at love to open the third set and was never threatened after that.

"Today I was (in) much more (of) a comfort zone — created my opportunities," Raonic said.

It was a day of upsets at the $3.78-million-US Masters 1000 series tournament as three of the top four seeds were eliminated.

South Africa's Kevin Anderson got things started in the morning by knocking off No. 3 Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland 7-6 (8), 7-5 and No. 13 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France followed with a 6-2, 6-2 win over top-seeded Novak Djokovic of Serbia.

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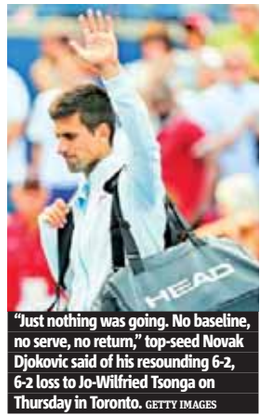
Milos Raonic waves to the crowd in Toronto following his win over Julien Benneteau on Thursday. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



"Just nothing was going. No baseline, no serve, no return," top-seed Novak Djokovic said of his resounding 6-2, 6-2 loss to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Thursday in Toronto. GETTY IMAGES

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"I couldn't find my rhythm from the beginning of the match. I always had my back against the wall, always had to come back."

Fourth-seeded Maria Sharapova, who was upset by Carla Suarez Navarro 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 in a match delayed twice by rain on Thursday in Montreal.

CFL

Roughrider defence gladly accepts Bombers QB's generosity

Saskatchewan defensive back Terrell Maze intercepted Drew Willy and ran 28 yards for a touchdown to help the Roughriders defeat the Blue Bombers 23-17 on Thursday night in Winnipeg.

Saskatchewan (4-2) tried a two-point passing play following Maze's TD at 12:40, but Darian Durant's pass was incomplete and the score stayed 22-17.

On Winnipeg's next series, Willy was intercepted by defensive back Mark Legree, who also intercepted him in the first quarter.

Riders kicker Chris Milo attempted a 32-yard field goal with 30 seconds left in the game, but missed and added a single for the final 23-17 score.

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World Cup of Basketball

High-scoring Durant is latest to leave Team USA

Kevin Durant withdrew Thursday from the U.S. national team, the biggest loss yet for a weakening American squad that will go to Spain without the leading scorer on its last two gold-medal winners.

The NBA's MVP took part in the Americans' training camp in Las Vegas last week, but then informed team officials that he wasn't going to continue.

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Jays fall to Orioles, AL East deficit grows

MLB. Toronto waste Happ's gem in 2-1 loss to Baltimore

Blue Jays left fielder Melky Cabrera grimaces after being hit by a pitch in the first inning on Thursday night in Toronto. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

J.A. Happ had some of his best stuff against the Baltimore Orioles. Unfortunately for the Toronto Blue Jays, the lineup couldn't say the same.

Happ struck out a career-high 12 batters in eight stellar innings of work, but the Blue Jays fell five games back of the American League East-leading Orioles with a 2-1 loss Thursday night at Rogers Centre.

Toronto managed just five hits and couldn't do much against starter Miguel Gonzalez (6-6) or the Baltimore bullpen. The Blue Jays stranded six on base in losing their second of this three-game series.

Despite allowing a few doubles and a two-run home run to Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph, Happ (8-6) was in command. He limited the damage in giving up five hits and had just one walk to go along with the pile of strikeouts.

Earlier in the day when discussing Brett Lawrie's strained oblique that landed him on the 15-day disabled list, general manager Alex Anthopoulos said he believed the Blue Jays could be in every game as long as they pitched well. Happ certainly did that, but it wasn't enough.

Happ did get into trouble early but was up to his old tricks in getting out of jams.

Nick Markakis smacked the third pitch of the game into right-centre for a double, and Happ hit Manny Machado with a pitch to complicate matters. But the lefty got Adam Jones and Nelson Cruz to fly out and Delmon Young to pop up to end the threat.

In the second, Happ rebounded from a Chris Davis double by striking out Joseph and Jonathan Schoop. In the third he let two batters reach base before getting Delmon Young to ground out.

The Orioles (65-49) made Happ pay in the fourth. With J.J. Hardy on with a double, Joseph hit a towering two-run home run to left to make it 2-0.

Happ didn't allow another base runner the rest of the night, and he was still throwing in the 90s near the end of his 125-pitch outing.

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Birdie not enough for Tiger

Tiger Woods made only one birdie on Thursday at Valhalla on his way to a 3-over 74, putting him close to missing the cut in the PGA Championship. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a look at the leaders after Day 1 of the year's final major. WARREN LITTLE/GETTY IMAGES

MLS

Donovan to hang up his cleats

Landon Donovan says he will retire from professional soccer at the end of the MLS season.

The LA Galaxy forward is widely considered the best soccer player in American history. The 32-year-old Donovan is the top goal-scorer in MLS history and a five-time league champion.

Donovan agreed to a multi-year contract extension with the Galaxy just a year ago, pronouncing himself revitalized after an extended sabbatical. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You are a rebel by nature and with the Sun linked to Uranus, planet of upheavals, this weekend you will do something outrageous. It may not do much for your rep but you'll have fun.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may seem as if the odds are stacked against you but the planets suggest you can easily break through any obstacles that are in your path.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You get a kick out of being different and will upset those you consider to be too conservative in their thinking. But when you dish it out you have to be ready to take.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
A craving will reach a peak today and if you want peace of mind you'll have to acknowledge your desires and do what you can to satisfy them.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will meet interesting people this weekend. To you they may look a bit mad, but maybe from their point of view you look the same!

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may not be the most adventurous member of the zodiac but you the Sun's link to Uranus, planet of surprises, will inspire you to move out of your comfort zone.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no point discussing what you want to do with loved ones because they are sure to try to make you change your mind. Do what feels right.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some of the best partnerships are between people who appear to have little in common, so don't turn down an invitation just because it's from someone you find weird.

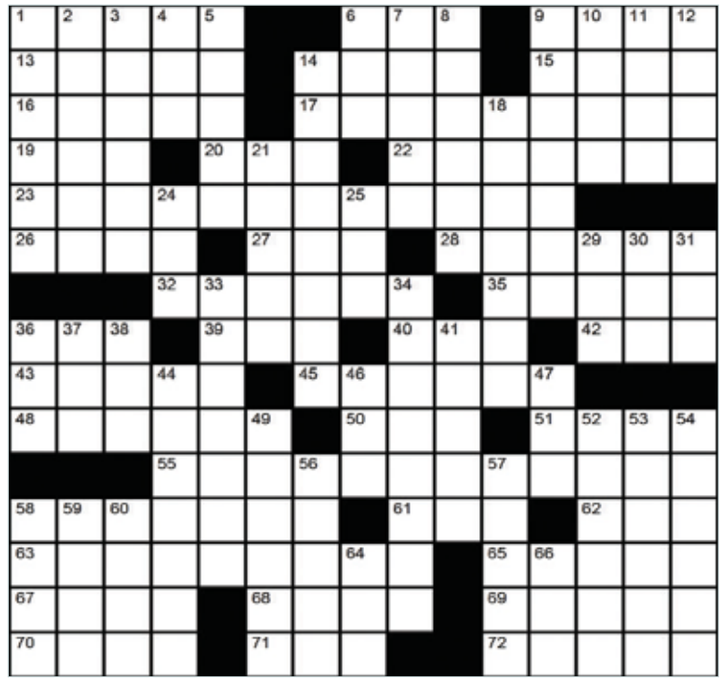
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is the perfect time to take chances and make changes. There may be occasions when you push your luck too far but no harm will come of it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Usually you are careful with what you say but over the next 48 hours you will go right the other way and say exactly what you think and feel. Others will find your frankness refreshing.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Upheavals are to be expected but they won't be too bad. They may even turn out to be good if you look for ways to take advantage of them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A wonderful idea will occur to you and you won't be satisfied until you have done something with it. Don't worry that it does not seem "logical" because you have more than five senses.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Unrefined
6. Assoc., variantly
9. Traffic: Speed __
13. Everly Brothers' "__ __ Be Me"
14. Will __ (Grandpa's portrayer on "The Waltons")
15. Fencer's weapon
16. Justin Bieber mentor
17. 'The fish', in French: 2 wds.
19. Ms. West
20. "__ _ little tea-pot..."
22. Charms
23. Ashley MacIsaac hit with Mary Jane Lamond: 2 wds.
26. Canine's cry!
27. Spinning stat.
28. Plugging-in place
32. Actor's reading material
35. Topic
36. Australian state [acronym]
39. Singer, Priscilla __
40. Polloi's partner
42. Son-of-a-__
43. Like a hard-to-climb hill
45. Computer fault
48. __ laser treatment (Dermatology service)
50. Suffix meaning 'somewhat'
51. "When _ __ You Smile" by Bad English
55. Type of mission for Canadian Forces
58. Large birchbark canoe
61. Composer Mr. Berlin, for short
62. Aswan __
63. Town almost right in the middle of Alberta: 2 wds.
65. Mind: Latin
67. Li'l loudnesses
68. Pre-day nights
69. Apply gently, as undereye moisturizer: 2 wds.
70. Ballet movement
71. CBC commentator Mr. Murphy
72. Movie critic Roger

Down

1. 1997 Our Lady Peace album
2. Home buyer's concern, __ value
3. Down-__-__ (Worn out)
4. "Sprechen __ Deutsch?"
5. Comic __
6. "You don't say!"
7. Put the blown-off towel back on the line
8. Plug parts
9. Implore
10. __-_-daisy!
11. "Love __ __ leave..."
12. Note-jotting needs
14. Trendy tent trip
18. Ludicrous
21. Frankincense's friend
24. "Blue Hawaii" singer ...his initials-sharers
25. Music blaster
29. Beer barrel
30. Exotic pet in a Barenaked Ladies tune
31. X
33. "Understand?"
34. Faith Hill hit: 2 wds.
36. Bouncy cheque acronym
37. Bering, e.g.
38. Bit of "Send in the Clowns": "Are __ _ pair?"
41. "On the __ hand..."
44. Stretch
46. Be deceitful
47. Cool
49. More like Erie or Huron, say
52. Actress, Gabourey __
53. Captivate
54. Village on BC's Sunshine Coast
56. Birth a bovine
57. Sidestep
58. Party inviter's request [acronym]
59. Truant from the trenches, tiny-ly
60. Bing Crosby/Bob Hope movie, "Road to __" (1952)
64. "Superman" (1978) villain, __ Luthor
66. Apprehend

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			9			1		
2			4		5			7

Yesterday's Sudoku

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8	5	2	7	9	4	3	6	1
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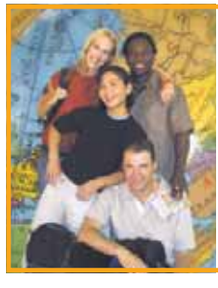
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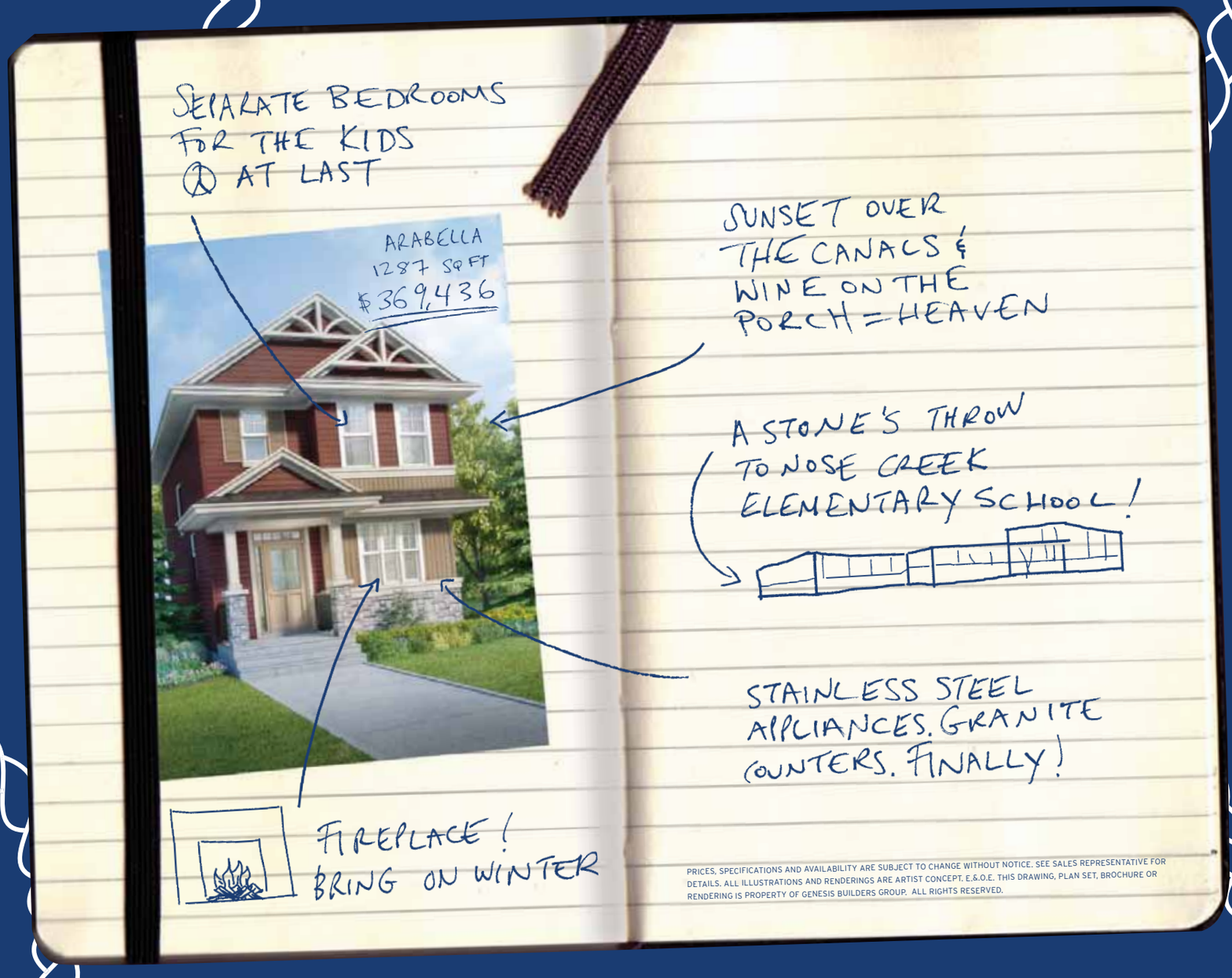
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